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Merom, Indiana

August 22, 1941

CAMP PROJECTS NEAR COMPLETION

by Ed Peacock

The Great Day is now in sight; that day when the new sewer line, the new septic tank and the new filter bed will be put in operation. Each of these projects is rapidly nearing completion and the job of building a sewage disposal plant capable of handling 4500 gallons of sewage daily is nearly done.

The filter bed itself represents quite an accomplishment. It is 130 ft. long and fifty feet wide with two layers of soil tile, the top for dispersing the impure water out over the gravel and the bottom layer to collect the water after it has passed through two feet of gravel. The bed was excavated with the use of a tractor and slip scoop. The tractor for the biggest part of the job was furnished and operated by Henry Goettinger and his son Nat. The filter bed required over 650 yards of gravel which was hauled in eight and one-half miles from the Sullivan County pit near Grayville.

The septic tank was dug almost entirely by the Friends Summer Work Camp and is now ready for use. The walls made of concrete block, laid by Byron Thomas, Bill Marshall and Harvey Hoskins, are on concrete floor. The top of the tank is a reinforced concrete slab.

The sewer ditch has practically all been dug and in nearly one-fourth of it the tile has been laid and the ditch refilled. Here, as in almost all of the building work to date, the help of the Work Camp has played an important part. The work on this project is now being pushed and under the able direction of Bob Starruck and Ogden Hannaford, the large crew of men working on it should

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SOIL CONSERVATION SWINGS INTO ACTION

by Charlie Koethen

Activities in the Soil Conservation Office have been humming in the past few weeks although actual work involving a substantial part of the camp has not yet begun. Just last week a shipment of tools, gasoline trucks, and other equipment arrived from the area headquarters of the Soil Conservation Service at Bedford, Indiana.

John Holwager, acting camp superintendent, Lawrence Trueblood, camp engineer, and Walter Dove, conservationist, have been busy obtaining suitable contracts with Sullivan County farmers and in setting up their SCS office in College Hall. Under the direction of Mr. Holwager, the toolroom is being put in order. Arthur Chance is toolroom foreman and is busy preparing for the actual use of the tools. In the office, Joe Hambenno, Sam Bertsche and Charlie Koethen have been preparing inventory records and collecting technical data, while at the same time giving attention to the arrangement of the office.

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FIFTY-FIVE MEN NOW ASSIGNED; MORE TO ARRIVE NEXT WEEK TO JOIN CAMP FAMILY

Fifty-five men now make up the personnel of the Merom Civilian Public Service camp, according to the official report from the office of camp director C.C. Shotts. The first campers officially "arrived" on June 26, although they had been in camp as volunteers for some weeks previous. More campers came on July 10, August 2, 15, 18 and 20. The

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1941

MEROM, INDIANA

REAL DEFENSE

by Ed Whiteway

Starting the month off with a significant new activity, the first Soil Conservation crew was sent out from Camp 14 the day after Labor Day. Fifteen men, chosen for the initial crew, soon made the dirt fly on the Coulson farm, five miles east of Merom. And making the "dirt fly" is more than descriptive, as any one of the shovel engineers will attest.

First project, expected to be completed at week's end, September 12, is the building of two stock ponds, one in the north and one in the south fields of the farm. The work consists of providing, by means of much shoveling and chopping, a dam which will laugh through centuries at the attempt of water to seep through. Each dam will, the crew affirms, stand for generations as a mark of C.O. effort as well as representing SCS reliability and skill.

Job number two, begun a week later, is concerned with providing a pipe and drain facility for the well-built home-made dam on the farm of Mr. Patton, northwest of Graysville. Five men make up this second crew, all of whom were members of the pioneer group.

Bob (Spud) Clarke, of recent potato petition fame, posed a question which the Soil Crew fervently hopes the camp council will decide. The query arose when chagrined at having to work overtime because of rain, Spud asked the world in general, "Do we have to pay the government time-and-a-half for overtime?"

As advance scouts of the CPS program we seek to make a successful initial impression on the community.

DIRECTORS MEET

by Dave Stafford



Camp directors and executives of the Civilian Public Service met with members of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors Sept. 1-3, to evaluate progress in administering and financing camps during the last 6 months. Participating in the conference at Winona Lake were General Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, his assistants and representatives of 18 denominations, the Federal Council of Churches, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the War Resisters League.

The conference decided that it is desirable to continue the present arrangement for financing and administering camps until Jan. 1 if the government is willing. Most members felt that CPS offers an opportunity for making testimony and for training leadership which the churches cannot afford to miss if they are at all able to carry the financial burden.

A committee was appointed to investigate effect of the draft extension on the financial standing of CPS and the 3 "peace churches" now carrying the major part of the burden; the extent of financial aid which may be expected from other churches; the possibilities of government aid, if needed, and the attitude of the campers. The committee also is to consider asking the government to support and administer one or two camps for those who are opposed to the present arrangement.

Administrative problems were discussed (Continued on Column 1, Page 2)

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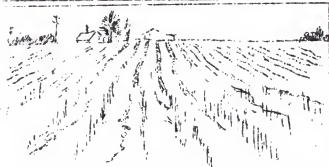
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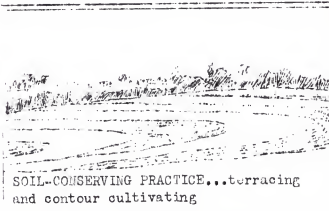
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1941

MEROM, INDIANA



SOIL-DESTROYING PRACTICE...tilling and row cropping up and down a slope



SOIL-CONSERVING PRACTICE...terracing and contour cultivating

SOIL SAVING

Soil and water conservation measures are being put into effect on 1,656 acres of Sullivan county farmland through the cooperation of the farm owners and the personnel of our camp. Nine farmers have thus far signed contracts with the Soil Conservation Service.

To protect cropland subject to sheet erosion, farmers are using their equipment in cooperation with campers to construct nine miles of terraces and two miles of outlets. The outlets coded by CPS will carry excess water from the crop fields to natural drainage-ways or to adjacent pastures where the water is controlled and erosion reduced to a minimum.

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446 MANDAYS TO GO

by Ed Peacock

Of the 975 mandays of work which go into our three dormitories, more than half have already been accomplished. Already campers have completed all but 48 mandays work on the first dormitory and 120 on the second. On the third, 278 mandays work remain.

The estimates of time required for each operation have been revised as a result of experience gained on the first building and as a result of reports received from crew foremen at the end of each day's work.

However, accurate estimates are difficult for two reasons: first, the number of volunteers who flock to help on the buildings after their own eight-hour day has been completed at 4 p.m., and second, the increasing efficiency of the workmen as they gain experience. The crew of six laying blocks, for instance, includes a former preacher, a history teacher, a YMCA director, two machinists and a research worker. It took this crew 90 mandays to lay the blocks on the first building, but on the second they cut the time down almost a third, to 65 mandays.

The maintenance committee estimates that preparing the foundation, including surveying, excavating, erecting of forms and pouring of concrete takes 87 mandays. Laying the concrete blocks, 1300 of which go into each building and setting the door and window frames in place takes another 90 mandays. Putting on the roof, including erection of rafters, nailing of sheathing and covering with three coats of asphalt and roofing paper requires 60 mandays. Levelling the ground and pouring the concrete floor requires 25 mandays, fitting windows to frames 25 and painting

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MEROM INDIANA

FIRST DORM OCCUPIED

by Ed Peacock

Though windows for the north wall of the first dormitory had failed to arrive, half a dozen men moved in on the eve of Housewarming, preferring its cold to their cramped quarters in College Hall. Since then 16 more have moved in.

A hundred visitors toured the campus on Housewarming, Sunday, November 2, visiting the library, soil conservation offices, kitchen, laundry and cannery, and viewed photo panels and colored movies of camp life. Afterwards a musical program was presented and refreshments served.

Except for the fitting of a few windows, the second dorm is now ready for occupancy. Laying of blocks on the third will begin as soon as a 28 by 38 foot repair garage has been completed. The garage will allow two trucks to be serviced at one time, and will contain a workshop equipped with a forge. It is being constructed so that after the CPS program is over it may be converted into another dormitory.

A cement-block addition to College Hall housing a hot water heater and storage tank is being erected, and a coal shed has been built.



TO ENGLAND ?

Electrician Robert Starbuck, mechanic Marlowe Rector, and architect Ogden Hannaford have been named this camp's candidates for civilian relief service in England. William Rhodes was chosen as alternate.

Fifty-four of the 84 men in camp when the opportunity was offered, asked to be considered. After a committee narrowed the list on the basis of each man's experience, the camp voted on the remaining names. Final selection of six men from those nominated by the nation's CPS camps will be made by representatives of Friends, Brethren and Mennonites.

Tom Tanner, head of the English Friends' Ambulance Unit was in camp the night the final three were chosen, and showed movies of English C.O.'s alongside of whom the CPS campers will work.

About 50 members of the FAU drove ambulances in Finland during the war in 1939, then went to Norway. When the allies retreated they went to Sweden, then across Russia to Egypt. From there they went to Greece to drive ambulances, and many were captured by the Germans and are now in prison camps.

Other English conscientious objectors are volunteer workers in hospitals, doing everything from administering anesthetics to hauling away garbage. They also man emergency feeding centers and shelters for persons bombed out in air raids, furnish entertainment and first aid in air raid shelters. More recently the C.O.'s have begun preparing rest homes in the country for air raid victims.

STAFFORD RESUMES FORMER POST

Assistant Director Dave Stafford who had been in Merom since March 3, 1941 on leave from George Preparatory School in Pennsylvania, was called back to his post as teacher of social studies there on November 10. His successor will be Denny Wilmer, assistant director of the CPS camp in Royalston, Massachusetts and a professional tennis player.

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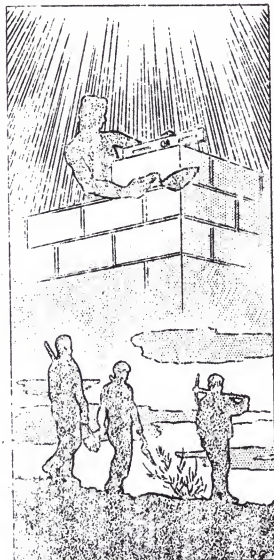
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MONDAY DECEMBER 22 1941

MERCER INDIANA



TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED ESTABLISH THE CAMP; TO ALL WHO HAVE BEFRIENDED THE CAMP AND EXPRESSED THEIR SYMPATHY WITH AND FAITH IN THE CAMPERS BY THEIR MANY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER GIFTS; AND TO EVERY READER OF THEIR NEWSPAPER, THE MEN OF MEROM CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE CAMP SEND YOU THEIR SINCERE THANKS AND WISHES FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON.



We Would Be Building

We would be building: temples still undone
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely
lift:

Waiting 'till love can raise the broken stone,
And hearts creative bridge the human rift.

We would be building; Master, let Thy plan
Reveal the life that God would give to man.

Teach us to build: upon the solid rock
We set the dream that hardens into deed,
Ribbed with the steel that time and change doth
mock

Th' unfailing purpose of our noblest creed.
Teach us to build: O Master, lend us sight
To see the towers gleaming in the light.

O keep us building, Master: may our hands
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,
When to our ears there comes divine commands,
And all the pride of sinful will departs,
We build with Thee. O grant enduring worth
Until the Heav'nly Kingdom comes on earth.

Furd E. Dritz

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Civilian Public Service Camp Number Forty-Nine, composed of twenty-five men from various CPS camps, has been in operation three months as of the fifteenth. The purpose of this issue is to indicate to the men in camp exactly what work in mental hospitals comprises, the great need of sacrificial service on the part of conscientious objectors, and the experience and adjustment of our present unit to date.

Our hospital is located seventeen miles from the Broad Street Station in Philadelphia, Pa. There are sixty-one hundred patients, male and female, negro and white, living in approximately fifty buildings on twelve hundred acres. We have our own farm and a herd of cattle, as well as horses and mules and mechanical equipment to maintain the plant and run the farm.

We have our own cottage, in which we sleep together in one large dormitory, having thirty beds at present. We have a living room and a dressing room equal in size to the dormitory, with three smaller reading rooms, a storage room, linen room, shower and washroom, kitchen and lavatory - all in one compact brick building. We are supplied with uniforms, linen and blankets, toilet articles such as tooth paste and razor blades, and haircuts. Our health and dental care is provided for by a physician assigned to the unit, in cooperation with the dentist. We work a fifty-one hour week with a day and a half or a day off, depending upon which shift we happen to be on. The matter of liberty, leaves and furloughs is in the hands of Dr. Zeller, Superintendent of the hospital and Director of our unit, and in this, as in all other matters, he has been considerate and cooperative in every respect. Nine of the men are married and six of them have their wives working in the hospital at attendant, nursing and clerical positions.

At present we have about one physician per five hundred patients, one nurse for the same number, and one attendant per hundred. These figures are for those on active duty, not the ratio of personnel to patients, which is much higher. There were thirty-three physicians on the staff before the war, of which the military services have already taken eight, and eventually will leave seven physicians, including Dr. Zeller, whose duties are largely administrative, to care for six thousand mental patients.

Our men are concentrated in Service 2, on the male side of the hospital. This intrahospital unit has fifteen hundred patients in four buildings. These buildings were built to house one hundred and twenty-five patients each, and hold at present from three hundred fifty to four hundred apiece. On the day shift, not taking days off into consideration, there are four doctors on duty, one for each building; three nurses; and fifty attendants on three shifts. The attendants work either from seven in the morning to four-thirty in the afternoon, from two in the afternoon to eleven at night, or from eleven at night to seven in the morning. We have men working on each shift.

In "A" building in Service 2, there are three hundred and fifty patients, two hundred and fifty of whom are incontinent. This term means that they have lost control of their bodily functions as far as defecating and urinating are concerned. The building is being staffed completely with conscientious objectors from our camp, with the exception of three charge attendants, because conditions there had made it difficult to maintain a staff of paid attendants adequate to the need. This building is the trouble spot of Service 2, and it is the task of this unit

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Altitude Experiment Opens at Welfare

October 8, Welfare Island, N.Y. Ten men from the Civilian Public Service division of Selective Service today opened an experiment here to determine the effect of certain variable factors upon men working at high altitudes. The men who are volunteers, come from five of the sixteen Civilian Public Service camps that are administered by the American Friends Service Committee and will be engaged in the experiment for six months.

First Impressions

"Name please--last name first." The nurse in the admitting room looked out through her glasses at us half amused, half impatient. It was, after all a bit irregular--five healthy men signed in as patients at 7:30 in the evening. And how did we come?--no question about that...an X mark beside ambulatory!" Then into the vacant room next marked above the door "Female Examination and History." That too a little out of the ordinary--but at this late hour, three hours after dinner, it proved safe enough.

We have an idea there must be mere reassuring ways to enter a hospital--questions somewhat less grim--than "Name and telephone number of nearest of kin," circumstances somewhat less bewildering. We emerged, clothes bunched under one arm, snatching baggy pajamas to our waists with the other. There suitcases, typewriter, etc., already lay tagged upon a wheeled white table. Minutes later our clothes, hats on top, were tightly bound up and tacked unceremoniously onto the rock. We looked in dazed horror at the prospect of leaving our clothes behind us and wandering up into our distant ward--but there they stood, and the porter, (Goins was his name, I distinctly remember that) was signalling us off. Down a narrow pea-green corridor, left down several hundred feet of broad, yellow tiled basement corridor, past two elevators, past signs reading "Research Laboratory," "Occupational Pharmacy," "Lortuary," and "The Tunnel" on and on and then at last into a green

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Collaborating in the research project are the National Research Council the U.S. Government Office for Scientific Research and Development and the Rockefeller Foundation. The experiment is the brain child of Dr. C. G. King of Columbia University and is under his supervision. Concerned in the main with finding the connection between certain nutritional factors and the reactions they induce at different altitude levels, the experiment is necessarily a rigidly controlled one and precludes any leaves or furloughs for its duration.

"We, the guinea pigs, will be "at home" for the next six months in "ward D-11, which is located on the first floor of Welfare Hospital. Here we have undergone and absorbed all of the normal ritual of a hospital, although we have introduced a few innovations peculiar to ex-CPS men... (what a glorious phrase!!!)

First stop, we learned was to establish individual norms of bodily processes. To this end, we underwent comprehensive examination. The first week, in fact, was devoted entirely to these inquiries.... (We know of no better word). Squads of eager student doctors come tramping into our sanctum sanctorum and, deploying in admirable fashion, each singled out one of us and commenced.... "Ever have diptheria?"... "Typhoid?"... "Rickets?" "Any drunkards in your family?" (the limit was three)... Then came the tests. We were tried for enlarged hearts, for hernia, for tuberculosis, St Vitus' dance... and fallen arches. We were

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Montreal, Canada

Study Groups.... For Peace... and Tomorrow's World

A PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, who livest in all pure and humble and gracious souls, we pray for those who, at the cost of persecution and oppression, have striven to maintain freedom, truth and unity. AMEN

Notes from Camps

September, Bowser, B.C. :- Today the air is heavy with smoke as it has been for several weeks, because at this time every year logging companies burn the "slash" that is left on their operations after the removal of all valuable timber. The weather is abnormally dry this fall and many of these fires, out of control and no longer confined to slash, are burning on the island, making plenty of work for the C.O.s.

At present the boys from our camp near Bowser are trying to stop a fire which is burning dangerously close to Cathedral Grove, one of the few areas of virgin timber left on the Island. They are working day and night shifts in co-operation with the fellows of neighboring Horne Lake camp. Unless rains come soon many of the fires on the Island may reach really dangerous proportions.

Various preparations for the winter have been and are being made at our camp. Tents have been replaced by prefabricated huts, and a recreation hall is presently being constructed. Then, for out-door all-weather work, rain-proof clothes and boots are being provided. After the fires are controlled, work will be snag-felling for a few months, and later reforestation of logged-off areas.

The most important topic of conversation at present concerns leaves. The camp continually buzzes with rumors,

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Plans to train men and women who will be better equipped for interpreting the peoples to one another after the war are coming to the fore. From England, the U.S.A. and here in Canada news is coming in of groups acting to create an informed public opinion and to prepare themselves and others for service in the post war world.

In England the course of study started by the Society of Friends has been well received and participants are now on their third month of training.

The study is carried out through the medium of correspondence courses, with study groups and vocational schools being arranged wherever possible. The extent to which collaboration will be possible with other organizations similarly bent, is being looked into. Arrangements are being made by The Canadian C.O. to receive these courses.

An American organization "The Commission to Study the Organization of Peace" has this to say about the Transitional Period, i.e. the months or years of Armistice. "Everyone knows that, as regards a permanent peace, this may well be the crucial period. Some things will need doing immediately the war ends, but in the more lasting matters the world will best be encouraged to go slow". The Commission realises that the nature of the present conflict has wrought moral and intellectual havoc... long enduring principles of civilisation have been attacked, nations have lost their independence and millions of youth have been indoctrinated with beliefs contrary to the moral principles upon which civilisation has been built. Behind all this lie profound social changes. The first problems calling immediate attention will be epidemics and food. The meeting of these needs then calls for world wide preparation now. Other immediate problems will be

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Montreal, Canada

Detached Service for Conscientious Objectors.

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A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we beseech thee, through the loneliness of thy suffering on the Cross, be nigh unto all them that are desolate and in pain or sorrow; and let thy presence transform their loneliness with comfort, and consolation, into holy fellowship with thee our loving Saviour. AMEN.

✠ Faith and Works ✠

In times like these especially, there is in our society much evidence of a split in the basic faiths of Christians. Broadly speaking there are those who condone and believe in war as the means by which "Christian" society must be protected and preserved, and those who absolutely reject war as an instrument for the furthering of a Christian world. How can such contradictions be explained?

Going away back we find that early Hebrew monotheism was the worship of a tribal God. Several centuries before Christ certain of the prophets began feeling their way to that more universal conception which the discovery of the singleness of God was bound to bring about if he was to remain a God of mercy and justice. Just as Christ's teachings were furiously opposed by the priests, so were those of these early prophets. The appreciation of this newer conception has been badly obscured by superstitious Protestant Bible-worship-the persistent attempt to make all Scripture from end to end a God-inspired, true expression without error, of the eternal and universal Father as revealed by Christ, in spite of the most flagrant contradictions as to His nature and attitude to man.

Thus rival conceptions of God (or mixed and inconsistent conceptions) have lasted to this day, and believers in war can sincerely quote statements from the Old testament in absolute con-

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In Canada the C.O. refusing to bear arms, has only the alternatives of Alternative Service Work Camps, or prison (in the event that he is an "absolutist" who refuses to register, to appear for medical examination, or to report to an A S W Camp.) There are of course a few C.O.s who were accepted as members of the Canadian Corps of Fire Fighters but their number is so small that the general rule still holds, particularly since it appears that recruiting for the Corps is closed for the time being.

In England and the United States, however, the position is different. In England the C.O., if he stays out of prison, and is recognized as a genuine by his examining tribunal may be given work of various kinds. He may be required to join the Non Combatant Corps of the Armed Services; he may be given exemption from military service on condition that he perform certain specific services, such as air raid precautions, or agricultural work; or he may be given unconditional exemption in which case he is free to work as he chooses.

In the United States there were originally only the alternatives of prison, non-combatant service in the army, or the work camps organized and financed by the Historic Peace Churches. There are now however opportunities for "detached service" for American C.O.s. Such work takes men out of the C.P.S. Camps and gives them opportunities of useful service on the land, in research, in hospitals and so on. The Reporter (the official publication of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors) in the December 1st issue gives the following information concerning detached service:-

"Out of 5,125 men in C.P.S. as of November 19, 587 were either in or being selected for new approved special projects. The number has been swelled in the past few weeks by five new mental hospitals in Ohio, to accommodate a total of 60 men, a mental hospital in Washington continued on page 6

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THE BEACON

Campbell River, B.C.

October

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LEAVES GRANTED

CAMP MOBILE LIFTED

The following paragraph is quoted from Subsection 9 of Section 20, National War Services Regulations, 1942 (Recruits) Consolidation 1942 which regulations were approved by Order-in-Council P.C.8343 of September 16th, 1942.

"The Board may, for any reason which it deems proper, from time to time, permit any person who is required to carry out alternative service, duty or work under this section to take leave of absence without remuneration from such alternative service, duty or work for such period as the Board may determine, and any person who fails to report to such place as the Board may designate at the expiration of such period or on cancellation of the permission of the Board before the expiration shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term of twelve months, with or without hard labour, or to a fine not less than Fifty Dollars and not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars, or to both such imprisonment and such fine."

Since the posting of this notice camp morale has definitely risen to new heights. The sour faces are once again sweet and smiling! Hurry out and fun go in hand with work at a speeded rate, as if working more quickly would bring leave-time sooner. The first groups of ten from each camp leave on November 4th for two weeks.

A number of men are unable to
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OUR POLICY

Some months ago we men in A.S.W. camps showed interest in a newspaper that we could publish ourselves. Fire season hindered any organization of our enthusiasm, but since that time is now over, we can realize our wishes. Of course it is realized that such a publication could be of no value to us or our friends, but we would certainly like it to be of benefit to everyone. To guide us in our ways then, so that our wish for a successful paper is attained, certain specifications which will gain us new supporters and leave no person feeling hurt.

The paper is owned, operated, and controlled by A.S.W. men in the B.C.F.S. It is published as an inter-camp communication to further create a respectful understanding and common fellowship amongst us. We will cooperate with the authorities of the B.C.F.S. so that any dissatisfactions between A.S.W. men and Forest Service personnel may be entirely avoided or minimized.

We want to make our paper a sort of newsletter, too, for the folks back home. They are immensely interested in our activities, and why not? We are their sons. We should also like to show our friends and acquaintances who are not in camp that we C.C.s are doing to live up to our convictions. We want them to learn the nature of Alternative Service Work and come to know the sincerity of our convictions, our universal patriotism, as expressed
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THE BALLOON

"Let your light so shine"

Campbell River, B.C.

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MERRY

Above the weary, waiting world,
Asleep in chill despair,
There breaks a sound of joyous bells
Upon the frosted air.
And o'er the humblest rooftree, lo,
A star is dancing on the snow!

What makes the yellow star to dance
Upon the brink of night?
What makes the breaking dawn to glow
And all the earth to be renewed
With infinite beatitude?

The singing bells, the throbbing star
The sunbeams on the snow,
And the awakening heart that leaps
New ecstasy to know ---
They all are dancing in the morn
Because a little child is born.

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and all necessary equipment ready to move, and the average time required to start for a fire after a report was received was about three minutes," the minister added.

"The fire season was, fortunately, unusually favorable. Nevertheless, those crews, successfully fighting 210 fires, spent 8664 man-days of fighting."

When conditions were not so hazardous, during wet spells when humidity was high, the Alternative Service Workers, as they are called, were fully employed on protection improvements and "fire-proofing", which included such work as the felling of snags, those dead standing trees that are the fire-fighter's worst enemy.

SNAG DANGER - The 216,000 snags disposed of were felled in strategic areas where young forests need protecting and also in broad strips against prevailing winds where fires would have to be stopped and could be best attacked.

"The felling of these snags is a permanent improvement," Mr. Gray said. "Forest protection, in the war emergency, becomes an even more important function than ever before and we commend the Alternative Service Workers for their attitude and performance during the last critical period. The scheme of protection improvements is continuing during the winter, in anticipation of the next fire season."

C-3 SHAWNIGAN LAKE Cont'd from Page 15

Years' War, the October party will become an annual affair.

SPORTS

by Marsh Ariss

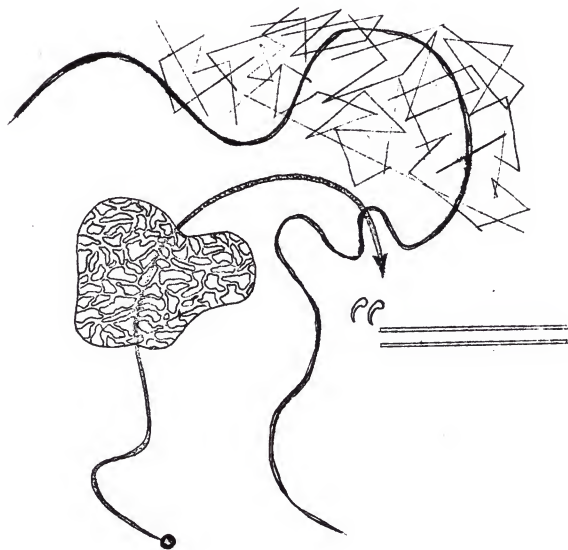
As happens in all places where a group of healthy young men, full of vim, vigor and vitality, live in daily contact with one another, the fire for friendly competition has naturally arisen in C-3, and has found outlet in several ways.

I has been the most successful venture with over forty of a participating in the "After Supper League". Some rousing taken place and at present Bunk 4, led by the "One and Tumpel, and Bunk 5, sparked by the "Great Harley Wideman", reed River fame, are battling tooth and nail for first place was greatly enjoyed in the summer, when fire didn't interfere were quite proud of our team. We almost had a game with "airy" team of Victoria, but at the last minute they couldn't transportation difficulties. That was their excuse, but we that they heard of our great round ace, Cerny Barg and became

mentioned.
We also had "Walkathon" races this summer. Lorne Litwiler and Marsh Ariss proudly established a record of thirteen miles from Mill Bay to camp on June 21, (they missed their bus). But this was rudely shattered several weeks later when Noah Bowman and Ed. Boeringer "rocked" to a new record of twenty-three miles from Duncan to camp. (They also missed connections).



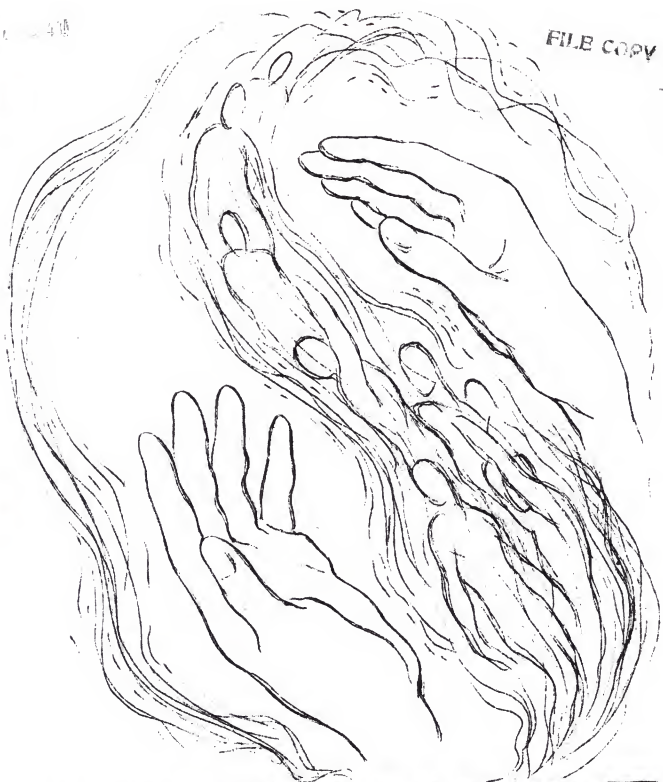
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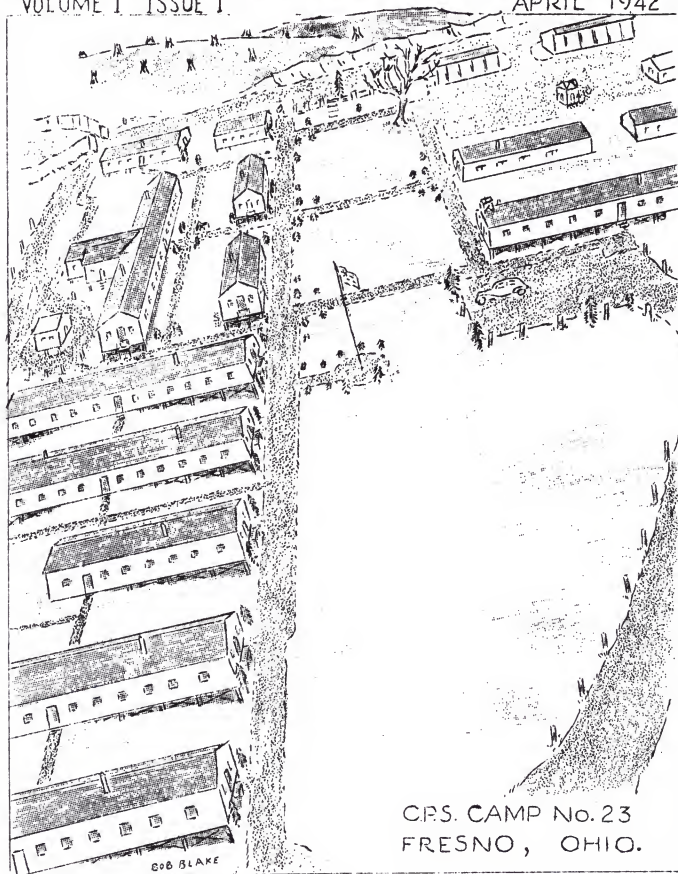
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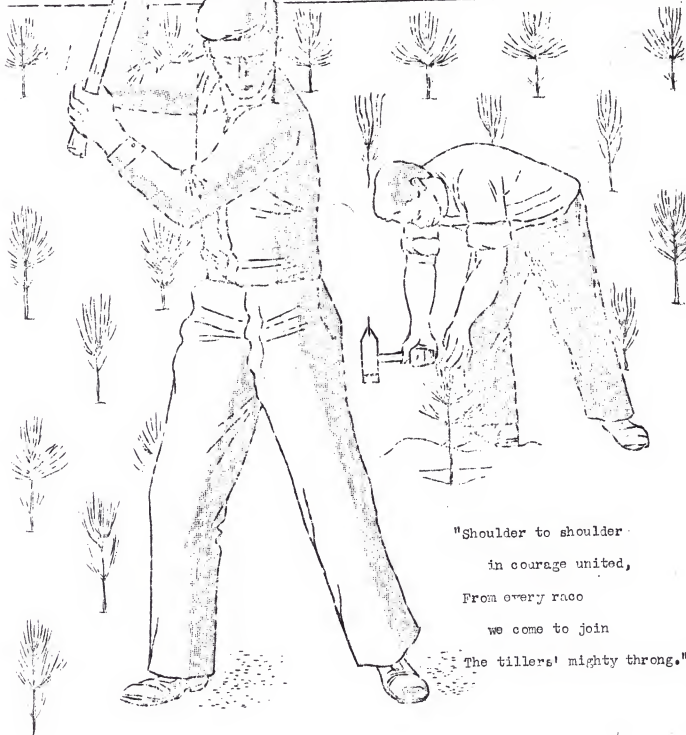
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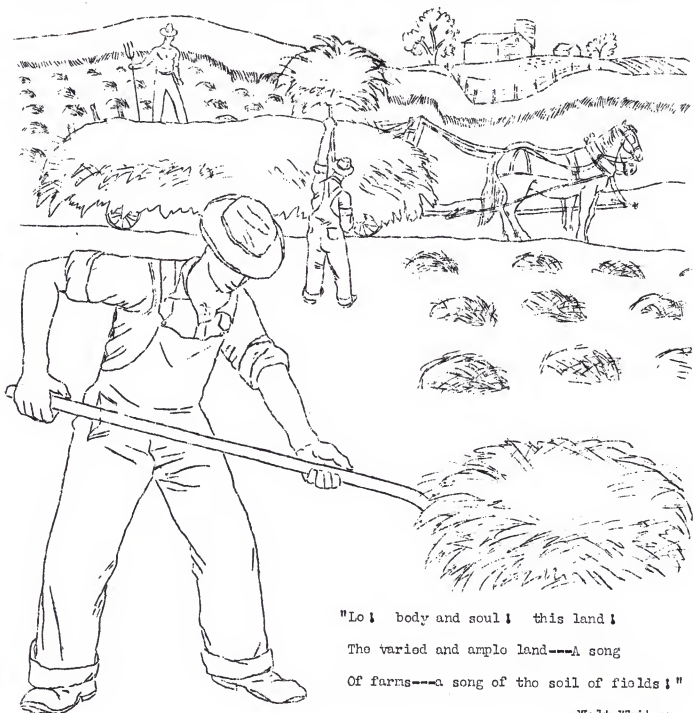


"Shoulder to shoulder
in courage united,
From every race
we come to join
The tillers' mighty throng."

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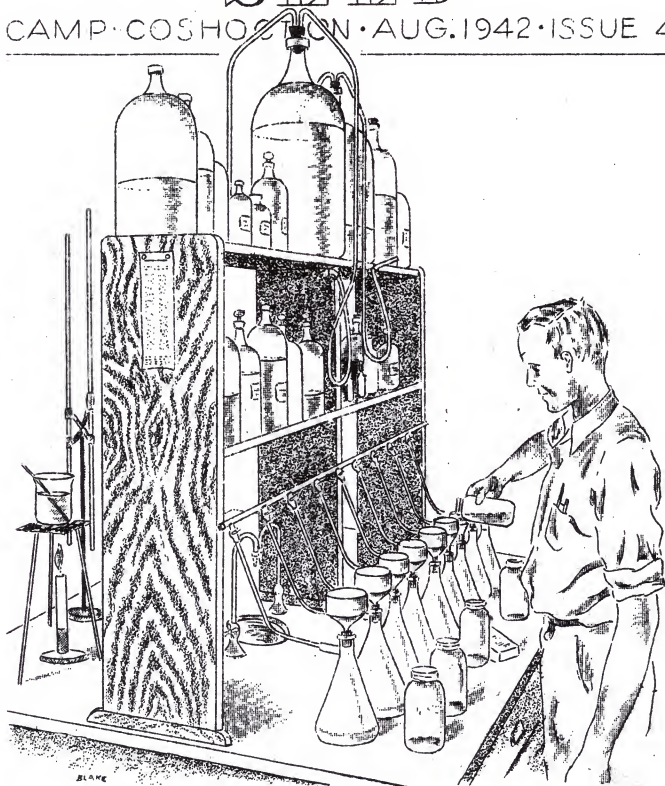
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The varied and ample land---A song
Of farms---a song of the soil of fields!"

Walt Whitman

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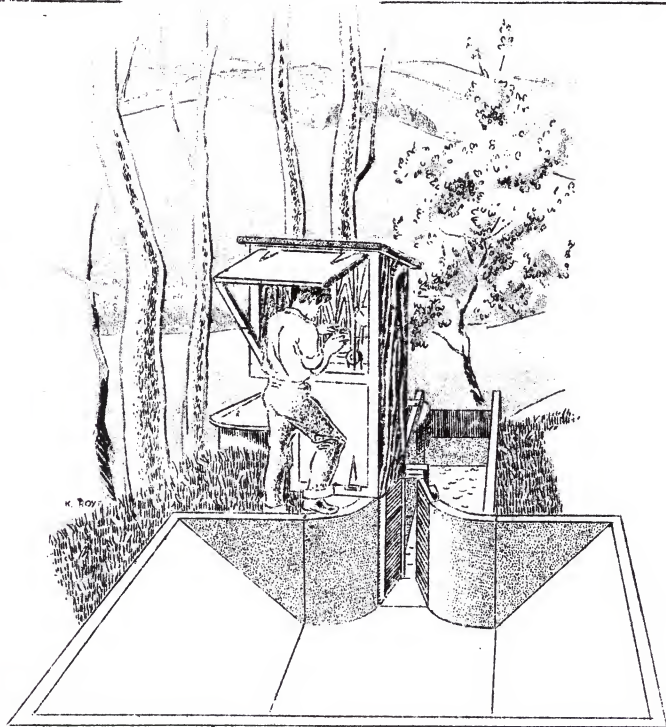
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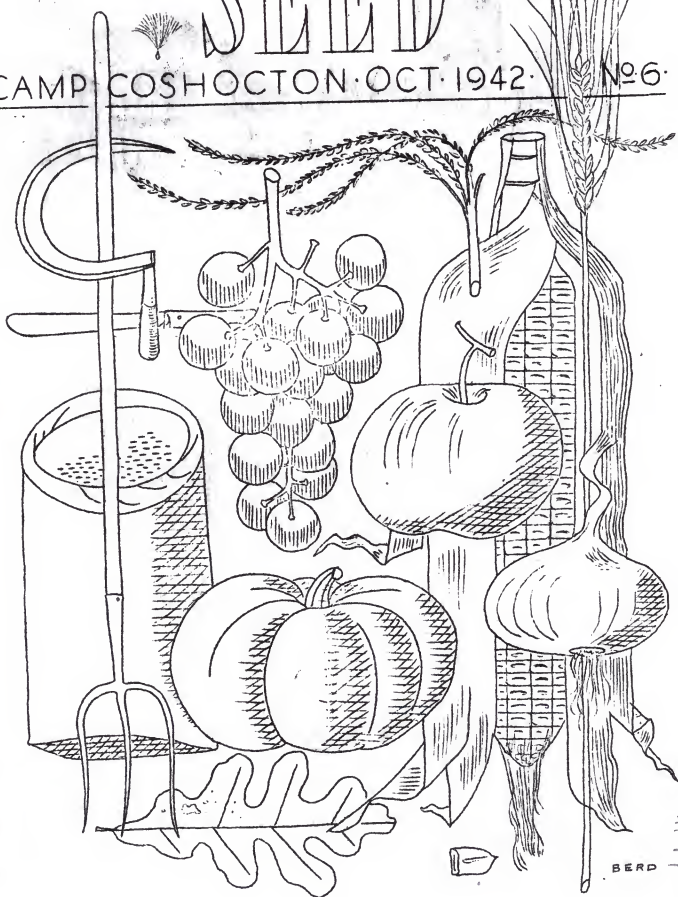


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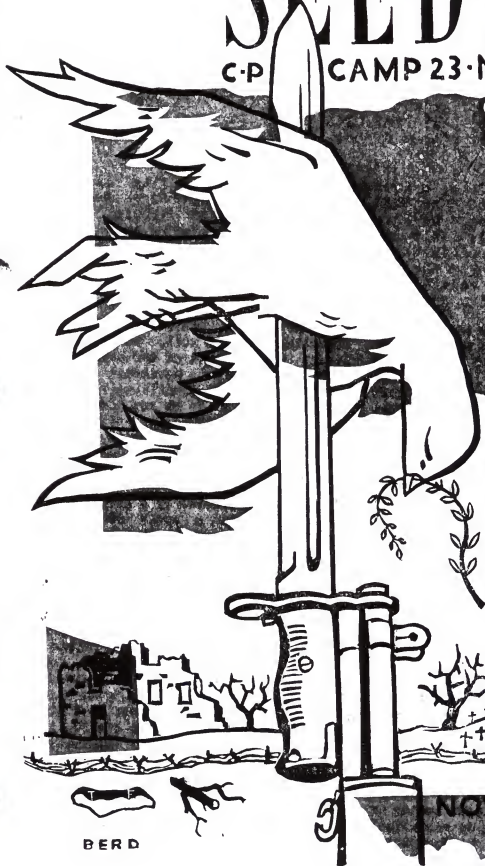
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MEROM INDIANA

BUSINESS

The first camp meeting-for-business in January faced the question, "What is to be done about the man who fails to hear the 7:15 work bell or is slow in responding to it and so misses the soil truck?"

The group decided that it should recognize its responsibility for its members by making up in 15 minute installments the eight hours of work such a man might miss. For the usual crew of less than 15 men this means working overtime for three afternoons. The man missing the truck should meanwhile be put to work on the camp's special detail. The meeting gave its complete approval to the plan, although the crews must agree to the plan for every case as it occurs. So far the plan has been put into effect three times.

At another meeting the question of discontinuing the \$2.50 monthly allowance, which is returned to the camper from the \$35 paid for his maintenance, was raised. It was suggested that since this might be many campers' only funds for such necessities as razor blades and soap, a committee should determine whether this was the best place to cut expenses. Meanwhile it was suggested that campers who did not need the money might let it revert to the camp funds.

DR. HOLT: CHALLENGE TO LIFE!

Because Dr. Arthur E. Holt was a man of many and worldwide concerns, it is humbling to us to know that none was closer to the center of his being than we of Merom. He sought to immerse himself in the stream of rural life -- to observe, to listen and to serve. Because he felt this so strongly, we came to see, to feel and in some measure to act upon the ideals he embodied.

We remember him working side by side with us: weeding the community garden under a blazing mid-summer sun, sawing wood with us for the winter fireplace; we remember looking up at camp meeting to see him quietly sitting at one side, encouraging us by his mere presence.

He was, this January, in the midst of a fund-raising campaign for our new dormitory. On the morning of the 13th he was seated at his desk at the University of Chicago, eager to learn the latest news of the camp. As he spoke to our director his face suddenly lost its glow and in that brief moment he was gone.

As the bell atop college hall here at camp tolled the hour of his funeral, our flag went to half mast and we paused in silence at our work. But his death was less a sorrow than a challenge to find in life the adventure he found there, and his memorial will be the degree to which our lives are the better for his having passed this way.

Town Hall Speaker in Merom

Norman Thomas visited camp January 28, speaking to campers and friends for more than four hours. He urged America try to alleviate starvation abroad and hit the sending of trained men to CPS camps. "to do trivial jobs with no more adequate machinery than existed in 1620!" He asked an adequate statement of peace terms but warned that no set of terms would be any good if present conduct did not logically lead to them, and that not they but social forces now set in motion would determine the peace.

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FEBRUARY 1942

MEROM INDIANA

CONSCIENTIOUS DEPARTURE

War's Effect on Camp

What effect has the U. S. entry into the war had on our community relations?

Charles McLaughlin, farm manager, who dickers with farmers for purchases and talks over farm problems generally, says the new attitude is one of greater curiosity about CPS 14. Farmers believe that every man has a right to his own opinion, but they are more curious about that opinion since the war.

CPS preachers of the Church of God report post-sermon hecklers, but no more than last fall. A factor here is that their church is generally sympathetic with the C. O. stand. "Dusty" Rhodes, a Methodist, notices more "starch". In giving guest sermons, he says he concentrates more on facts and is careful to recognize non-pacifist opinion.

Camp musicians had two pre-war engagements cancelled in December. A quartet, however, sang over station W-I-C-H in Indianapolis, February 7. Engagements have dropped off, but probably because the quartets have already sung at most of the Quaker meetings in Indiana.

Art Gaines, president of the choir, says they haven't noticed any effect on their program.

There are 2,870 men in CPS camps at present. Draft Director Hershey reports: Conscientious objectors are coming in six times as fast as in 1918. (6,000 by 1943)

After notifying the director of Selective Service and other authorities that he could be found at his home in Minneapolis, Alex Stach left camp on February 16.

He arrived in Merom, August 7, from a Hutterite community in the Dakotas where he had been a volunteer worker. Denying that the state had a right to conscript human life, even for a constructive purpose, and declaring his belief that the modern state, in its trend toward centralization, was an enemy to conscience, he wrote to Washington on December 7 offering to work as a volunteer in cooperatives or ashrams aiding low income groups, in a Quaker work camp, or with the Catholic Worker group.

This request was denied and on February 16 he announced, "I can no longer in clear conscience allow the government of the U. S. to hold me in subjection...Honoring those men who for conscience and God's sake cannot register under the latest draft...I have started practicing the duty of civil disobedience...I leave CPS camp to enter the voluntary society from which I came...submitting myself to the will of the federal courts".

His stand is similar to that of many conscientious objectors in the last war and of many men in this one who have refused to register, take their medical examinations or go to camp. In Great Britain, up to July, nearly 2,400 men had refused to work under compulsion and had been given complete exemption from conscription. (Alex Stach reported to the FBI on February 20 and was at once taken into custody)

HOSPITAL ASSIGNMENT

Three men have been notified for assignment to a Catholic general hospital in Chicago to do work as attendants. They are Peter Flintermann, Carl Olson, and Melvin Kleinhehn. Roscoe Zehn is an alternate.

The men selected will do various jobs until September, when they begin a three-year training course leading to degree of Registered Nurse.

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MEROM INDIANA

MEROM MEN FORM RELIEF UNITS

Two mobile units of 24 men each have been formed at camp to aid civilian victims of fire, flood, earthquake or tornado. Each unit consists of a leader, 2 truck drivers, a mechanic, 6 first aid men, 4 cooks, 6 stretcher bearers, and 4 utility workers. The units, which would also be available to relieve human suffering and reconstruct buildings in wartime incidents, will be under the camp director.

More units may be formed as soon as the rest of the 90 volunteers have had necessary training. Services of such units have been offered the government for use in Hawaii, on the west coast, and after the recent Mississippi Valley tornado.

Fourteen men have just completed a 15-week First Aid course and received certificates. Thirty more will take the course as soon as arrangements can be made. If possible, townspeople will be invited to join the course.

Eighty-six men who have volunteered to act as blood donors will have their blood typed as soon as the local hospital can handle them. Plans are also under way for men in camp to be given training in fire fighting (on their own time) and it is possible that some may be sent, with hundreds of others from the nation's 27 CPS camps, to fight forest fires on the west coast during the dry season. Previously 54 men had volunteered for civilian rescue work in England and 17 for similar work in China. More than a score asked to be sent to understaffed hospitals, though this meant a full day increase in their work week. Citing these activities, the council named a committee to meet with the local civilian defense authorities to see where CPS men could be helpful.

Midwest C.P.S. Conference

The 10 Civilian Public Service camps in the midwest have been invited to send delegates to a conference, "Reviewing a Year of CPS", at Merom, May 2 and 3.

The camp council cited Merom's central location, but expressed its willingness to accept another site. No charge will be made for room and lodging if the conference is held here. Two official delegates and as many more as wish to attend may be sent.

By pooling our experiences and thinking, we may come to united action on some common camp problems: civilian defense, discipline, education, and worship. A similar conference will meet every four to six weeks in the New England area.

It is hoped to have a nationally known CPS official at the conference. The agenda will be prepared by the camps invited to participate: Lagro and Bluffton, Indiana; Henry, Illinois; Marietta and Coshocton, Ohio; Denison, Iowa; Magnolia, Ark.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Stronach, Mich.; Buok Creek, N.C.; and the Alexian Brothers' Hospital unit of Chicago.

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MEROM INDIANA

FOOD FOR EUROPE

Twenty dollars -- enough to keep a refugee child in southern France alive for seven months -- have been sent the American Friends Service Committee by the camp. Ten dollars came when the bottles with the slogan "ten cents a day keeps a child alive" were collected on Good Friday from cabins, offices, the co-op and guest rooms. An additional \$11.07 resulted from the first two sacrificial meals held each Friday.

Eighty men now join in the sacrificial meal, planned by the dietitian to include minimum calories for efficient work but exclude "extras". A typical meal consists of rice soup, corn muffins, and milk and costs 3 cents. The difference between this and the average meal cost of 14¢ goes to feed starving Europe.

Requests for information and pamphlets have flooded in, following the insertion of a two-page letter in the March Plowshare describing conditions abroad. One woman wrote, "Your appeal has changed my viewpoint; I enclose \$10 and hope to make further contributions." A Milwaukee group sent \$5 and asked for 100 copies of the letter, and a Duke University group wrote that it saved \$20 a month by foregoing its noon meal once a week. Fifty-six of the Marietta (Ohio) CPS camp's 69 men joined in its first Saturday noon frugal meal April 11, saving \$7.17. The meals will be held weekly.

(Information and bottles for contributions are available from the Food for Europe Committee, CPS camp, Merom, Indiana.)

OUTREACH

by Bill Rhodes

Two camp quartets traveled nearly 2,000 miles the last three weekends to sing at a Methodist youth conference, a Friends Quarterly meeting, the Westminster Foundation, a Fellowship of Reconciliation conference and several Friends churches. Four men will sing for the midwest FOR conference in Des Moines, May 1-3, visiting Iowa colleges and churches en route. Men have also broadcast over station WISH.

The quartet often includes a student minister to preach a sermon, or concert pianist to lend variety to the program. Programs usually include spirituals, sacred and secular numbers, an explanation of Civilian Public Service, camp life, soil work, and answering of questions. Trips begin after the men complete work Saturday noon, although occasionally men must take furlough time, earned at the rate of 2½ days a month to appear. Expenses and hospitality are provided by groups visited.

Two former theological students, who like four others in camp waived draft exemptions, traveled 100 miles each Sunday for 18 weeks to conduct morning and evening services in a pastorless church south of Merom. A former music teacher has been going to Sullivan each Sunday for seven months to play the pipe organ in a church there.

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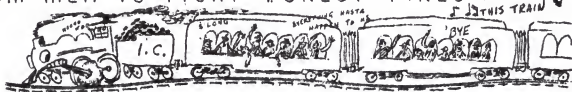
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MAY 1942

MEROM INDIANA

26 MEROM MEN TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES



As the strains of "Aloha" faded into the night, twenty-six men of the camp sped away from Merom aboard a special pullman bound for California, where they will join with other CPS assignees from across the nation in fire-fighting units being set-up to meet the emergency of the summer dry season. Their departure on Friday evening, May 29th, drew one of the largest crowds ever seen at Merom Station with farmers, campers, and townspeople joining in the send-off. A caravan of three Government trucks, two station-wagons, and a number of private cars escorted the men to the train.

The new camp which the Merom men will help organize and maintain as a new permanent unit in the CPS system is located near Coleville, California, a small town high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains somewhere between Carson City and Yosemite National Park. This CPS camp, under the direction of the American Friends Service Committee, will be number 37. The men will be on call twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week for the strenuous work of combating forest fires in the adjacent mountain areas.

A special committee, after interviewing personally each member of camp, selected the men for the project. This selection created a new question of how much authority the local camp government had in determining whether or not a quota should be filled, how it should be filled, and on what ground a camper member might successfully defend a refusal to be transferred. After consulting with each camper the committee selected twenty-five men and five alternates. Later an appeal board reviewed and granted three appeals. The committee then filled the vacancies from the list of alternates.

The following is our delegation: Frank Andrews, Robert Berquist, Arthur and Homer Chance, Herbert Crocker, James Driskill, Oral Fisher, Henry Hall, Lorin King, Warren Kunkel, Henry Maier, Edward Maynard, Karl Olson, Douglas Raymond, William Rhodes, John Robbins, Crane Rosenbaum, Howard Suits, Henry Swain, Ian Thierman, William Weber, Floyd Wheeler, Dennis Wilcher, Max Wilson, Duane Windmiller, and Ralph Wood.

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MEROM INDIANA

MEROM'S YEAR



BEGINNINGS



"MEN OF THE SOIL"



FIRST AID



"PEACE BROTHER"

That warm, clinging May day was symbolic of the frantic effort being made to win the goodwill of the community--good will that would allow the establishment of a soil conservation camp at Merom. Col. Lewis F. Kosch of Selective Service System, Washington; Thomas E. Jones, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia; and Claude C. Shotts, the man who was to become director of the new camp; all gave up the day to meetings with various organizations throughout the county. This was the crisis...farmers, legionnaires, and business men had to be convinced of the need for a soil-saving program in Sullivan county and of the value in establishing an alternative service camp to do the work. The climax of the day came with the community meeting held in College hall, where over one hundred persons heard Tom Jones and "Buck" Shotts explain the purposes behind the program, the necessity for conserving the land, and the right to alternative service by those who, conscientiously, could not kill their fellow men. But our story goes back to a day in: FEBRUARY...Claude Shott's first visit to Merom...talks with Shirley Greene, Director of Merom Institute, and others.... the next month speaking before the Farm Bureau at Fairbanks, (Ind.) and to a group in Sullivan representing the various farm organizations of the county. Three men from the Soil Conservation Service assisted in the latter meeting.

MARCH...the soil project was given approval, with the recommendation that a CPS camp do the work....An agreement was drawn up with Merom Institute, on whose property the camp was to be situated, and army engineers made their recommendations as to sanitary and heating requirements.

APRIL...Dave Stafford, teacher at George School, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who had been asked to become assistant director, arrived...together he and Claude Shotts began cleaning the camp, and building concrete blocks for the dormitories necessary to house the new camp.

MAY...Volunteers, to assist in the organizing came the third week, but were not officially assigned until June 26.

JUNE...on the 26th, Homer Schmitt of Evanston (Ill.); Vail Deale, Bucatzenet (Ill.); Joseph Hambeane, Muncie (Ind.); Ogden Hambeane, Muncie (Ill.) were first official assignees...Official approval for the camp came after the visit of Col. Kosch and after a long period of "education" to com-

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CAMP MEROM

JULY 1942

ISSUE 12

Challenge

Editor of The PLOWSHARE:

I am sorry that this word of congratulation on the first anniversary of the C.P.S. Camp at Merom has been so long delayed. It may soon to men in C.P.S. Camp that the religious pacifist movement is inadequate to its task. In many respects it is. However, to one who lived through the last war as a pacifist it is clear that great strides have been taken since then. When the last war began there was no American Friends Service Committee, no Fellowship of Reconciliation, no War Resisters League, no Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Neither Gandhi nor Kagawa had as yet become figures of world significance. Most of the writers from whom we draw instruction and spiritual nourishment today, such as Gandhi himself, C.F. Andrews, Kagawa, Aldous Huxley, Gerald Heard, Stanley Jones, Allan Hunter, Vera Brittain, Middleton Murry, etc. are writers of the post-war period.

A book by a widely-recognized commentator on foreign affairs, Raoul de Roussy de Sales, says that today the three great forces in the world are nationalism, collectivism and pacifism.

The men in C.P.S. Camps have an important part to play in seeing to it that the advances to be made in the next twenty-five years are comparable to those in the period just past.

A.J. Musto
Fellowship of Reconciliation

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AUGUST 1942

MEROM INDIANA

SCS SUPT., HOLWAGER, RESIGNS

After one year of service to CPS Camp No. 14, John Holwager announced his resignation as acting superintendent for the Merom soil conservation service project in order to accept a position as chief forester in charge of Morgan-Monroe County State Forest, one of the largest in Indiana. His position will be filled immediately by Joe Slater, who was until recently in charge of the CCC Camp stationed at Lafayette, Indiana.

When the camp was but little more than two months old, John Holwager came to Merom to assume his duties as superintendent of the work project. Since then he has through his interest and patience helped guide CPS 14 through the turbulent formative period of its existence. He shall be remembered for his direct and open method of dealing with every situation.

DIE TITIAN BIDS FAREWELL

Last summer when members of the jointly-sponsored American Friends-Congregational Work Camp had finished their work and gradually drifted away, two remained behind to help give the CPSers a little extra and badly needed help. The only remaining one of the two, Helen Albert, after a year of hard work now bids farewell—the last of Merom Camp's pioneers as elder assignees often liked to consider those work campers. Her duties as dietitian will be taken over by Mrs. Byron Thomas, wife of the newly-appointed assistant director.

FORMER CAMPER NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Director Claude Shotts and the American Friends Service Committee announced this month the appointment of Byron Thomas, former Merom camper and present assistant director at the Buck Creek CPS Camp #19, as new assistant at Merom. He will fill the position left vacant when Donny Wilhoer left for Coloville, California to assume like duties there. Previous to the draft, Thomas was a faculty member of Barnesville Friends School at Barnesville, Ohio and should provide valuable leadership for Merom's education program. The appointment came as a rather mild surprise to a camp which had spiritedly recommended four favorite sons for the position. The new assistant and his recent bride arrived to begin work August 18th.

MORGAN CHOSEN

John Morgan, assignee from Quaker Hill in Richmond, Indiana was chosen by Dr. Zeller, superintendent of the Philadelphia State Hospital, to be a member of the detached service unit which will assist him in his work at the mental hospital located at Byberry, Penn. This is the first Meromite to be selected for such a position. The candidates from the various camps met with Dr. Zeller at the Coshocton Camp, where Morgan was one of those accepted. From there he proceeded immediately to his new work in Byberry.

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MEROM CPS CAMP 14

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Pacifists IN A WAR-TORN WORLD

In every nation and in every era of the earth's history from the beginning of civilization, it is apparent that there have been individuals and groups who have witnessed to the pacifist conviction that man's murder of man is wrong, by refusing to participate in it at whatever cost to themselves. CO's existed even in a day when the accepted pattern of life included war, not as an evil, but as the only way by which states grew powerful. From early Hindu culture down through the Chinese, Greek, Roman, Hebrew, and Christian eras to the present day; philosophers, prophets, and saints have continually born testimony to the facts that violence has never solved any problems, that man is part of the Divine, and that all war for whatever purpose is evil and a violation of man's spiritual nature.

It has been only in comparatively recent centuries that pacific group action has come about. Encouraged mainly by the impetus gained in the historical teachings of Christ and embodied in the lives of the early Christian conscientious objectors, pacifism has gradually evolved from a mere negativism to a positive program of action which aims to "take away the occasion for wars." Of course, resistance to war and conscription is continuing, but at the same time alternative services are in progress which are seeking to build human society on more firm and enduring foundations.

Beginning with an ideal in the minds of ancient philosophers, and the lonely positions taken by great saints and obscure individuals, conscientious objection today is represented by persons of every race and religion, every class and nation, as well as by agnostics and atheists. There are at present nearly 8,000 4-E classifications in the United States and approximately 64,000 have registered their CO position in Great Britain. There are over 15,000 registered CO's in Australia. The Fellowship of Reconciliation, international pacifist society, has about 13,000 members in the U.S.A. and over 12,000 in Great Britain, not to mention numerous members in almost every other country on earth including Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Governments have long been reluctant to recognize objection to war and have been slow to realize the sincerity of CO's. Although some attempt to deal justly with them was made during our own Civil War, for the most part CO's have been tortured, persecuted, and maltreated throughout history, not only by their governments but also by their fellow citizens. Such treatment is continuing toward many objectors here in America, even in 1942. Some 1400 are in prison for refusing to comply with the conscription law which, unlike British law, does not provide complete exemption for absolutists. Many of these men are persecuted and beaten by "super-patriotic" guards and convicts. While men in CPS camps have not received much of the brutality dished out in prisons, many of them have become intimately acquainted with over-ripe fruit, rotten eggs, jibes, taunts, threats, discrimination of various sorts, general misunderstanding and public disapproval.

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MEROM CPS CAMP 14

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ISSUE 5

Thanksgiving IN THE NIGHT

When one lists the thrilling experiences of history in the lives of "common people", certainly near the top stands the experience of Paul and Silas (Acts 16). "At midnight Paul and Silas sang praises unto God..." For what could they be thankful? In prison, sore and bleeding, yet at midnight they sang songs of Thanksgiving. As our own day deepens from the twilight into the midnight, we take new courage and hope from this experience of members of the early Church.

Paul and Silas were thankful that they could share the "fellowship of His sufferings", in bringing true liberty, freedom and redemption for all humanity. Their message was greater than they; why should they worry about what happened to themselves? They were thankful for the privilege of suffering while witnessing for the "release of the captives."

Paul and Silas could sing songs of Thanksgiving at midnight because they knew that the future belonged to their message of the "Good News." They realized that the darkness of the night would deepen, that they (and all who took their way) would suffer loss of friends, floggings, imprisonments, death. But they were thankful they could live in the spirit of the post:

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers;
While error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers."

They were thankful that they had the evidence of history that God's purpose always conquers; and they had lined up their lives with God. Paul and Silas sang songs of Thanksgiving at midnight because they had been privileged to discover the meaning of true liberty, freedom, and triumphant faith. Public opinion and the courts had "tried" them, sentenced them. But in prison Paul and Silas were free; out of prison their opponents were bound.

"Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage."

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MEROM CPS CAMP 14

DECEMBER 1942

ISSUE 16

A Prayer for Christmas, 1942

O God of grace, we praise and bless thee for the inestimable gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came that the world might have life, and not death and destruction.

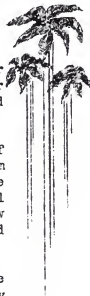
We praise thee for the early disciples of Christ, and for all whom in any age offered unto him the homage of their hearts and lives. We praise thee for those who in our time carried his Gospel to the ends of the earth, and for those who now bear faithful witness to him at whatever risk and cost to themselves.

O God of mercy, have mercy upon us. Forgive us our sins, and grant us thy grace; that we may accept Christ as our Saviour and that, being guided and upheld by his spirit, we may be used of thee to lighten the darkness, to relieve the suffering, and to improve the conditions of the world.

We pray to thee for all men everywhere, and especially for those in direst need. Be with the lonely in homes that war has made desolate. Receive into thy keeping all who are homeless and desolate. Have in thy special care the sick, the wounded, the dying, the bereaved, and all little children that are victims of man's sin and folly. Support with thy presence those who are in prison for conscience' sake, and all who in the face of misunderstanding and abuse remain loyal to their faith.

O God, who didst give thy blessed Son to be the Saviour of the world and the Prince of Peace, look with thy compassion upon a world that thou alone canst save. We pray to thee for all the peoples of earth; that, through the renunciation of pride and selfishness and through the doing of justice, they may obtain deliverance from the anguish that now engulfs them. Shorten, we beseech thee, the days of tribulation, and grant us an abiding peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ernest Fremont Tittle



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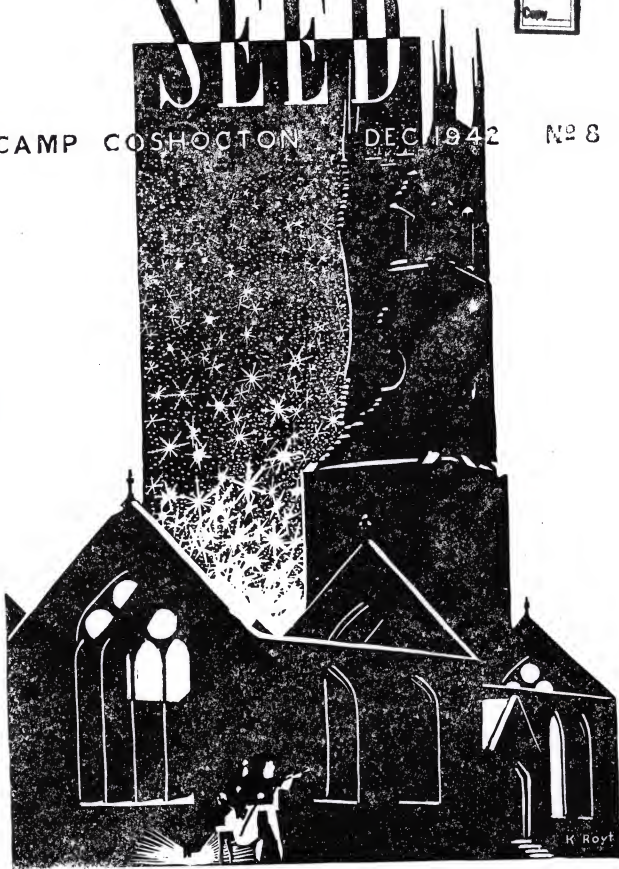
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CHELTHENHAM, MARYLAND

CPS BRINGS RECREATIONAL PLANNING TO CHELTHENHAM

Great changes are often wrought from small beginnings. This is the feeling of the Cheltenham Unit toward the start made by Bill Channel, a George Williams College graduate, who has bigger and better plans in mind for recreation in the Cheltenham of the future. Real rehabilitation of boys is not accomplished in an unreal environment: Cheltenham facilities for recreation are so inadequate that it is not unusual to see boys who should be having recreation just sitting in the main room of the cottage with nothing to do but sit or get in trouble. Most of the boys at Cheltenham are unable to plan proper recreational outlets by themselves but have to have leadership and direction in these activities.

Several days after his arrival at Cheltenham, Bill began his recreational program by issuing the first chapter of a cottage master's manual on group recreation. Herein he compiled a list of active indoor games which could be used with large groups but requiring no equipment. Bill has also taken over the planning for the regular Sunday evening entertainment hour and an orientation schedule for new boys. He has already put on some very successful Sunday evening programs using only the talent available on the grounds; one Sunday evening he produced an amateur hour using the boys and several Sundays later let the staff play the part of the fool.

Plans for more recreational planning have been considerably hindered by several factors. The School shortage of personnel has found it necessary to use Bill on other jobs. This has done much to block the work which he has been attempting along the lines of more recreational planning. It is hoped that the Unit will again be enlarged to allow for this shortage so that Bill can continue with his work. There is further a scarcity of resources at the present time that is going to be more difficult to resolve. We have hoped that some CPS camps might be enough interested in the situation at Cheltenham to help with this particular difficulty. Such items as Chinese checker boards, cribbage boards, and table croquet are games CPS men could make during their free hours. If there are any groups interested in helping along these lines, we would greatly appreciate any suggestions and would cooperate in any way. We emphasize that there is a great need; this is an appeal and not merely a suggestion.

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BOTH SIDES OF THE PICTURE

The assets and liabilities of Cheltenham viewed through the eyes of a C P S Unit take on a sobering aspect. It is these things that determine the effectiveness of our work here as much as we do ourselves; and certainly they pertain directly to the morale of the group. We shall discuss Both Sides of the Picture in this and ensuing issues of the NEWS LETTER.

On the happy side there comes first in importance a large proportion of pre-C P S staff which is a generous, sympathetic, and intelligent people. We find a group of highly educated colored people who are devoting their energies to this

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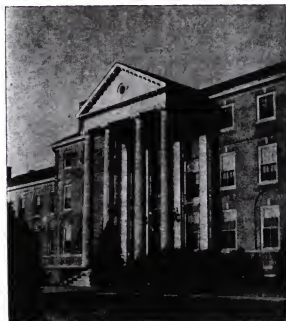
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IF YOU DON'T KNOW EX-EXPERIMENT

This Gazette is published as a "Report to the Nation" concerning 11 conscientious objectors on detached service from 2 Civilian Public Service camps in Michigan, Wellston and Walhalla (latter now closed). Eight serve as guinea pigs, three as technicians in nutritional research at the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene, University of Minnesota.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and the World a Peaceful New Year.

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ADDITION-SUBTRACTION

Late summer brought changes in our group. Norris Schulz from the Manchester Reconstruction Unit, joined us as a statistician. Originally at Walhalla, Norris comes from southern Minnesota, a Brethern, and has been a steady influence on the rest of the celibates, being engaged-to-be engaged. Arriving shortly afterward was Wilbur Caldwell Held, a Congregationalist first at Walhalla, recently of Wellston. Assisting the lab dietitian, Caldwell (to not confooze with our other Wilbur) comes from Illinois and has been a unique addition to our group with his contagious sense of humor.

Norm Miller is the subtraction as he leaves the city for a CPS dairy farm unit in New York state. Organizer and head barber of our hair-cutting co-op, Norm will be greatly missed----but our best wishes go with him as he accepts this new type of service...at least he'll have milk!

With the additions and the subtraction, our unit stands at 11 for the moment, 10 after Christmas with Harold Guetzkow, unit leader, Trevor Sandness, Wilbur Dunbar, Joe Blair, Walt Carlson, George Caine, Norris Schulz, Sel Copeland, Wilbur Caldwell Held, Jack O'Leary, and Norm Miller.

Still lacking complete knowledge of the quantities of vitamins needed to sustain healthy adult life, scientists are continuing their research in this area. For nearly 9 months, we've been serving as subjects in research on the problem of determining the minimal amounts of vitamins of the B-complex necessary.

In several phases--the first part, after careful physical examinations, was a deficiency period in May when subsistence was on a diet extremely low in B-complex. In addition we worked 4 hours daily on the treadmill expending about 5000 calories. Observations, both physiological and psychological, were made regularly.

IMPORTANT: No information concerning the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene or any of its research can be publicly released or re-published from this publication without direct permission from the University of Minnesota.

For the next long term period of about 6 months, we lived on a deficient B-complex diet of moderate amounts of recommended allowances. Here again, studies were made on various physiological, psychological and bio-chemical functions to observe changes. Analysis of blood, expired air and observations of heart reaction and stomach emptying times were a few of the methods used to obtain physiological data. The psychologists kept us busy with intelligence and learning tests for mental changes, and also checked us for motor control, sensory and strength reactions. We kept to a regular treadmill schedule to get a measured amount of energy expenditure.

As auxiliary research, studies on food storage in the body and metabolism were made on 4 of us through fasting periods mentioned on page 3. (continued on page 4)

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THE DOPE SHEET

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FOR THE BENEFIT of that 80% of the unit who didn't turn in their ballots, and that 60 % of the unit who didn't attend the camp meetings on the topic of assistant director re-evaluation and personnel policy, the dope sheet is pleased to publish a short resume:

1. R. S. Blanc has been given a vote of confidence as continuing A.D.
2. The outline of the duties of an A.D. and of unit organization as posted on the bulletin board are approved.
3. The office of A.D. is to be the subject of a yearly re-evaluation by the unit.
4. The personnel committee's statement regarding shift assignment and day-off policy was approved and sent to Miss Edgar.
5. Camp meeting wished to suggest that the personnel committee consider individual temperament and adaptability in assigning men to work on "B" building wards.

HAVE YOU HEARD the chorus recently? Or better still, have you sung in the chorus recently? Every Monday at six o'clock this harmonious group of tenors and sopranos, basses and altos, meets in Cottage One and Bob Steele puts them through paces. You newcomers are as cordially invited as the oldest member.

TEN C.P.S. MEN EVERY THURSDAY can have blood samples taken for Wassermans. If you receive a summons, or feel uneasy about your venereal health, come to the torture chamber in Cottage One on Thursdays between 6 and 8 a

IT'S ONLY A NOTE FOR HISTORY, but it might be wise to remember it a month from now, that there were far too many beautiful young ladies at the unit party last Wednesday - or rather, there were far too few C.P.S. men. Some of our guests probably didn't feel very well entertained. After the bitter trip out from town there was no one with whom to dance or even to talk. They made some effort to come, but C.P.S. #49 apparently didn't. Shall we reform for the December 27th party?

CHICKEN EVERY SUNDAY, or the equivalent, is our invitation as members of C.P.S. #49. When you're in need of a good meal, a good bed, or a good visit, just see Herb Hadley, Rebecca Broadbent and he have now co-ordinated a group of our benefactors and are producing specific invitations to homes in the Philadelphia area. See the persee about your free time,

NEXT WEDNESDAY the speaker at Cottage One is to be Henry Scattergood, of the Scattergood family. He was doing relief work in North Africa at the time of the Casablanca invasion and will give us an impression of the job of a modern relief administrator.

DECEMBER 1 and 2 and 3 isn't very far off, and it's the next Bailly Farm weekend for Byberrians. The deadline for signing to go is Wednesday, this next Wednesday. Hurry, hurry, hurry.

THE LARGE BULLETIN BOARD is often confusing with all its varied information so everything relating to the opposition-to-conscription-movement is posted on a special board to the right. Very seriously, it would be worth while for you to read this bulletin board and do something about it.

THE C.P.S. UNION has scheduled two meetings for next Wednesday, one at 11 a.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. Nominations will be in order for treasurer for the next four months. Also plans for the National Union Secretariat will be discussed.

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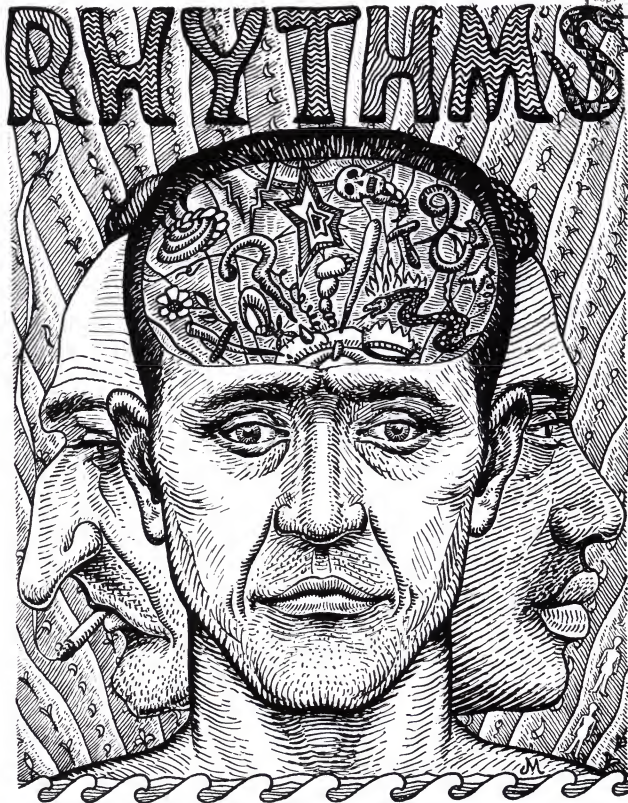
This is the story of C. P. S. work at the Philadelphia State Hospital----formerly Byberry----as exemplified by "A" Building where ten of the twenty-five men now work. We want to set down what changes have been made since our arrival six months ago and the daily jobs to be performed in "A" Building.

During the last seven months we have had old, erroneous conceptions of mental hospitals allayed. Through numerous conversations we men have discovered that our former misunderstandings were not unique. Sheer ignorance by the public of problems involved in administering these hospitals, has heightened the prevalent abhorrence toward mental hospitals. Only with the aid of an enlightened public can state hospital authorities reach high standards of psychiatric treatment. Larger staffs and more adequate facilities must be secured through the state legislatures. If the public desires that the highest type of psychiatry be employed in their mental hospitals, then lifted eyebrows must cease each time state hospital appropriations are mentioned.

First, a little background. If you have ever heard of Byberry, you know that for many years the institution was the breeder of horrible stories; many of them true. The depression forced the Philadelphia city officials to cut appropriations for the hospital to a minimum. Degrading and frightful conditions resulted. Finally, in 1928, the state investigated the city's management of the hospital, and it was subsequently decided that the State Department of Welfare should assume the heavy responsibility of operating the hospital. State authorities grappled with the terrific problem of banishing existing unbearable conditions. The hospital staff was improved in quality and number; physical improvements were made; and most important, a very large appropriation was obtained to complete overhaul of the hospital and for three large new buildings which are now being constructed. For proper handling of mental patients, ward buildings must be built to facilitate psychiatric techniques. The present wards are not so constructed and until the new buildings are completed, this presents a constant obstacle.

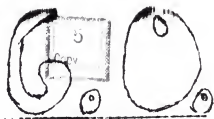
Recently, however, the shortage of manpower and construction materials, the rise in food and other prices has changed progress to a desperate effort to prevent too great a regression among the 6,100 patients. The manpower situation is now worst of all. There is at present on duty, one

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GOD SUFFERS

I cannot think that God could be content
To view unmoved the toiling and the strain,
The groaning of the ages, sick and spent,
The whole creation travelling in pain.
The suffering God is no vast cosmic force,
That by some blind, unthinking, loveless power
Keeps stars and atoms swinging in their course,
And reckons naught of men in this grim hour.
Nor is the suffering God a fair ideal
Engendered in the questioning hearts of men,
A figment of the mind to help me steel
My soul to rude realities I ken.
God suffers with a love that cleanses dress;
A God like that, I see upon a cross.

Georgia Harkness.

Standards

As a member in a society which is
zealously devoted to attaining the one goal
of military victory over the totalitarian
powers, the pacifist, to put it mildly, is
"on the spot". For to the pacifist neither
is military victory the one and only successful
way out of this world upheaval, nor is
military defeat something which will necessarily
throw us several hundreds of years
back along the path of social retrogression
to another Dark Ages and a long struggle
towards a new Renaissance. For we do not
believe that the principles of living and
the means of accomplishment taught by Christ
are subservient to the outcome of the struggle
between military forces.

Only through the use of the tools He
put in our hearts, minds and hands, will the
Christian way of life be introduced to our
world. For as the character of the tool
becomes fused into the nature of the product,
so must the Kingdom of God be fashioned
through the application and adoption of
Christ's way of life. Thomas Traherne
expressed the social consciousness of Christ-
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the blindness of men's hearts which are shut
to the vision, earth is only heaven in the
making - that nature is the expression of
the spirit, and the world no vale of sin and
misery, no cause of temptation to any

The World News Analysis has just
sent us an interesting document describing a
new organization. The origin
of this idea is to be found in a group
of friends, many of whom are at Camp
#19 near Marion, North Carolina, U.S.A.
We quote in part from the invitation
sent out by this group as follows:

"Within the ranks of conscientious
objectors and pacifists everywhere, we
have some of the best personality
material to form the nucleus of a non-
violent world organization. World con-
ditions being what they are, the sooner
we can get together in a democratic
dynamic organization, the better.

"Carl J. Landes, Rural Secretary of
the Fellowship of Reconciliation, writes
us: I certainly want to join and push
any move in the direction of genuine
world organization on non-violent basis.
I am convinced that until we pacifists
develop some movement equivalent to
Gandhi's in India, we cannot solve our
problems."

"Our main objective is to unite all
who are loyal to the world community of
men now, and who obey the minimum require-
ments of just world government now.
One of the primary laws of a civilized
society is that which prevents a citizen
from killing his fellow citizen. We are
obeying that law. In world Citizens'
Cooperative we hope to reach mutual
agreement on other basic world laws which
we can voluntarily obey now - thus
effectively hastening the time when all
men will govern themselves so as to permit
equal justice and opportunity for all.

"We intend to make this organization
a true cooperative: owned and controlled
equally by all of the members or citizens.
One citizen, one vote by mail - no matter
where he may be. Official statements
to be the group's voice.

"We hope to keep the structure of
W.C.C. so flexible that other goodwill
organizations will not hesitate to merge
into common membership with us. Pros-

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C.O. REGULATIONS AMENDED

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace,
 Where hate rules, let me bring love,
 Where malice, forgiveness,
 Where disputes, reconciliation,
 Where error, truth
 Where doubt, belief,
 Where despair, hope,
 Where darkness, Thy light,
 Where sorrow, joy!
 O Master, let me strive more to comfort
 others than to be comforted,
 To understand others than to be understood,
 To love others, more than to be loved!
 For he who gives, receives,
 He who forgets himself, finds,
 He who forgives, receives forgiveness,
 And dying, we rise again to eternal life.
 St. Francis.

THE ETERNAL ALLIANCE

Many, perhaps all of us, have felt that life is something more than merely a man-animal struggle for existence and possible harmony among ourselves. We feel we are part of an immortal, yet mortally concerned, universe and that our Christian strength, inspiration, and drive are products of this higher relationship. And so too do I like to think of Jesus. Then in a world probably more poisoned with hate, intolerance, and tyranny than even ours, He lived and taught a way of life almost foreign to the ordinary and petty standards of the time. He lived not as a baffled idealist faced on every side with channels closed to Him and his message, but as a rebel against the world as he found it. Leading this life, the cross loomed inevitably nearer and nearer each day.

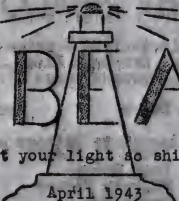
To be daunted by the apparent finiteness of the cross of punishment was foreign and incomprehensible to Him - for to Him the cross meant not death; cold and conclusively final, but a further knoll to be surmounted before the peaks

In the April 15, 1943 edition of Hansard (Vol. LXXXII, No. 56) there is a copy of a speech delivered by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell (Minister of Labour) dealing with alterations to the national selective service mobilization regulations (P.C. 10924 of Dec. 1, 1942 and subsequent amendments). The following is a brief summary and commentary of the speech. Conscientious objectors as defined by the regulations "where the board is satisfied that the applicant conscientiously objects by reason of religious training and belief, to war in any form and to participation in combatant military service in which he might be required to take human life" up to now have been granted a postponement order by the board and some have been ordered to report for "alternative service". Up to Feb. 3, 1943 a total of 3,401 postponement orders had been granted and 1,273 C.O.s were working in twenty-nine camps. The remaining 2,128 C.O.s had not been called out due to lack of facilities.

The regulations have been now amended by order in council P.C. 2821 of April 7, 1943 to make use of the services of C.O.s in the national interest. The order in council may be obtained from the Department of Labour, Ottawa. The order authorizes the designation of certain officers in the employment and selective service offices across Canada as "alternative service officers". These officers have been given authority to direct C.O.s to employment on farms or in industry instead of sending them to camp at 50¢ a day as formerly. C.O.s will have the alternative of going to camp if they refuse the work offered by the "alternative service officers".

With reference to the men now in camps Mr. Mitchell said "It is not expected that all the men now in alternative service camps will be moved out immediately to other employment, although men with special qualifications who can be used to better advantage elsewhere

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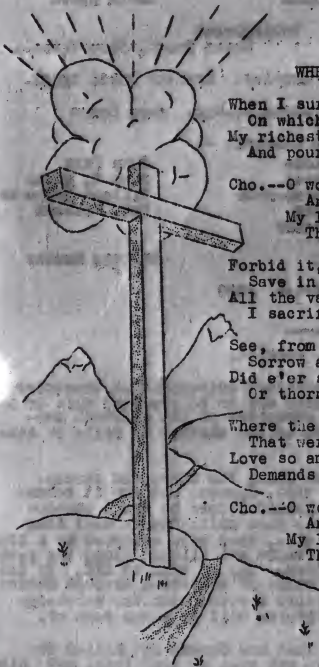
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WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Cho.--O wondrous cross where Jesus died,
And for my sins was crucified;
My longing eyes look up to Thee,
Thou blessed Lamb of Calvary.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my Lord;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Where the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul; my life, my all.

Cho.--O wondrous cross where Jesus died,
And for my sins was crucified;
My longing eyes look up to Thee,
Thou blessed Lamb of Calvary.

-- Isaac Watts.

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FARMERS EXEMPTED



A.S.W. MEN MAY APPLY

On February 3rd, our government moved to control the shortage of farm labour. The Director of National Selective Service, Mr. Arthur MacNamara, announced an eight-point program designed to fill the holes through which farm workers have been disappearing from agriculture and, soon drafted into the army. Farm workers are to be retained as far as practicable on farms, but encouraged to assist in relieving other labour shortages in off-seasons. Farm workers who apply for postponement are to be granted postponement unless it is established they are not essential workers in agriculture. Persons not employed in agriculture as essential farm help will be considered for postponement. Conscientious objectors and others who receive postponement and who are essential agricultural workers will not be directed to report for alternative service.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE IS INVITED FROM AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ENGAGED IN ALTERNATIVE SERVICE.

This last point is of especial interest to us men in camp. It may grant us a different form of service to Canada, one which is of prime importance and one in which a large number of us are highly skilled. This opportunity of putting our best talent at work in meeting an urgent, national need should not be missed. Application for such leave is addressed to THE REGISTRAR of the MOBILIZATION BOARD in your district.

No legislation, as yet, has been made by the government as to, whether or not, we in camps shall be directed into agriculture. Because of this, Mobilization Boards can only advise us upon application for leave to seek a recommendation from our Camp Superintendent. This should be done now, so that when legislation regarding our position is affected we shall be prepared for service. Informing our Camp Superintendent of application for leave will also serve to let the Forest Service know how many men may be affected by future legislation. The Forest Service has been wonderfully kind to us and it would be only fair to help them in this manner.

If A.S.W. men in camps are diverted to farms, a labour shortage in forest protection work would develop.

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"Let your light so shine"

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POWELL RIVER OPENS

The latter part of November a new camp was opened at Powell River on the mainland. Don McNaughton of Green Timbers helped construct the new site and claims it is a dandy camp. This camp is for members of the Seventh Day Adventists who expressed a desire to work in one camp. Twenty-four S.D.A.'s from Green Timbers opened it and more returning from leaves and transferring from other camps has swelled the enrollment to forty.

The site is twelve miles from the town of Powell River in the heart of the wilderness. Campees are especially talented and have many musical instruments, including an organ. Nearly everyone is taking correspondence courses. The B.C. Conference of S.D.A. and Home Study Institute unite to pay 80% of their tuition and books; campees pay the remaining 20%. Each evening the entire camp is quiet for two hours study period.

Having completed improvement of camp grounds and roads, their project of snag-felling has begun.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Peace Problems Committee of Manitoba met on January 15th. As a result all A.S.W. camps in the B.C.F.S. are supplied with song books and school quarterlies for religious services. Mr. John M. Penner was authorized to buy a car which is for the use of ministers visiting the various camps. Mr. Dave W. Friessen of Altona and Rev. D. P. Reimer of Giroux are in charge of collecting books to be sent to the numerous camps. Already several hundred books have been gathered.

MAXIMUM SCALE

The maximum scale for December of any set of fallers in the Island Camps was cut by Dan Lowen and Vic Siemens of Timberlands Camp. S. Vipond, snag-felling instructor, scaled them 139.24 sq.ft. Dan and Vic fell 43 trees 10 inches or larger and 8 trees under ten inches to gain this December record.

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SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Coleville, California -- Nine men from Camp Antelope during the past few months have given up more than 100 days of their furlough time to working at the Japanese Student Relocation Council in San Francisco. Seven Antelope men are on detached service to the Carson Indian Agency at Stewart, Nev. working in the laundry, bakery, warehouse and law office.

Walport, Oregon -- Twenty men volunteered to aid a coastguard search for the crew of a navy plane forced down along the coast. A 21-year-old camper was swept off a treacherous rock by a wave and carried out to sea by the tide. The last man was Civilian Public Servant D. Darrow.

Marietta, Ohio -- Men in hip boots and raincoats helped evacuate families during a flood.

Crofton, Virginia -- Opinions voiced regarding radios in dorms: "Can you imagine Jesus listening to a Sunday ball game or modern dance music... What we need is not more radios but men with deeper experience, definite convictions, consecration to the Lord. Radio hinders the Christian life."

Marion, Indiana -- Has men on detached service in Duke Mental Hospital, in International Administration at Columbia University studying post-war reconstruction, at the Cheltenham School for Delinquent Negro Boys, at Welfare Island, N.Y., as human guinea pigs and at four other mental hospitals.

Road Building Project

Powell River is one of the largest paper-manufacturing centres on the Coast. To protect the timber farther back in the hills the Forest Service has undertaken the construction of roads with A.S.W. labour.

To begin with, six miles of old railroad bed was slashed and repaired, bridges and culverts were placed where necessary, and it did not take long to get started on the 16-foot road. The boys' courage was good when they were working on the grade, but when they left it and started into the bush where big rotten logs had to be removed, their courage began to wane. However the inevitable was accomplished, and the road progressed rapidly. More bridges and culverts were put in to lessen the little detours were made to miss bed rock. By now, over a mile of virgin timber has been cleared and right-of-way prepared for the bull-

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE URGES MORE REPRESENTATION FOR CPS MEN

NEW ENGLAND CAMPS STUDY PLANS, DRAW UP A PROPOSAL

Delegates representing the men in CPS camps in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts, meeting at West Campton, N.H. on March 13 and 14, issued a call of increased representation of CPS men locally and nationally.

As steps in that direction they made plans to revive a monthly inter-camp council in their own region, proposed a scheme to secure more representation of CPS men before the national agencies administering CPS, and agreed to begin the publication of a weekly inter-camp journal, of which this is the first issue, to furnish an avenue of expression for c.o.'s on current problems within CPS and to serve as a sounding board for the call for increased representation of CPS men throughout the nation.

The conference grew out of the concern that many CPS men believe their views are not fully understood by the national agencies administering the camps, and that the men themselves do not fully understand the problems confronting the agencies.

The conference agreed that the first step toward more effective national representation was the establishment of a series of regional councils. (Continued on Page 3)

'GREATER OPPORTUNITY' TOPIC OF CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Men from CPS camps and hospital units all over the country will meet in Chicago April 12 - 18 to confer on means of securing greater opportunity for c.o.'s to do socially useful work in time of war.

The "Fifth Progress Report" of Philip Isely (Cascade Locks), dated March 7th, and distributed widely throughout CPS, sets forth the need for such a meeting. The proposed agenda calls for discussion of work, training, and effective action on the issues of conscription and war.

Everyone interested in attending the conference may write Rex Corfman, who has been handling publicity, at Welfare Hospital, Ward D-11, Welfare Island, New York.

THEY GOT THERE FIRST

At the NSERO sponsored conference of campers and staff held in Dayton, Ohio over the week-end of February 27 - 28, the following resolution was passed:

"That camper representation on the NSERO be referred to a committee for study and consideration and that it be presented at the next regional conference."

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REPRESENTATION MEETS FAVOR

Special to ACTION, by telegraph, March 26

COMMITTEE WILL ACT ON GOVERNMENT CAMP THROUGH NSB. BELIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS WILL BE ACHIEVED NEXT TEN WEEKS. SIX COUNTIES APPROVED FOR DAIRY FARMING IN JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND, WASHINGTON; FIFTY CENTS PER DAY MAINTENANCE; INSURANCE INCLUDED; WAGES INTO SPECIAL FROZEN TREASURY FUNDS. AFSC PRESSING FOR ESTABLISHING FUNDS FOR RELIEF CHANNELS. FOOD PRODUCTION LOOKS LARGE IN DETACHED SERVICE. UNIT IN NORTH DAKOTA OKAYED UNDER FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FOR FARM REHABILITATION. HERSHEY HAS NOT APPROVED ONE THOUSAND LEM FOR RECONSTRUCTION TRAINING -- TO BE CONTACTED AGAIN. WEST COAST UNIT TO GOVORD HOSPITAL. ADDITIONAL UNIT BEING ASSIGNED BY HERRY. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RECEPTIVE TO GREATER REPRESENTATION IN CPS -- WAIT FURTHER DETAILS FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 10th, 11th AT GORHAM.

Ernest Herbster (Gorham)
Russ Tuttle (Campton)

CHICAGO CONFERENCE SEEN TO
REPRESENT ALL-CAMPER MOVEMENT
NSBRO Regional Conferences Good,
But All-Camper Movement Is
Held To Be Separate

"Two separate systems of CPS camper democracy are now functioning," observes Joe "Avens" (Gorham) in a letter to ACTION.

"One is entirely divorced from the official control of the administrative agencies and will probably be concerned with the broader issues within CPS and many outside of CPS.

"The other is official in that time and money are provided by the NSBRO; however, there is little indication of "company union" tactics and all issues have been discussed freely and candidly.

UNOFFICIAL MOVEMENT HAS HISTORY

"In a bulletin entitled Towards Greater Opportunity in CPS sent to all camps by the Cascade Locks camp on July 14th, 1942, there is a 'request that the agencies involved in administering the Civilian Public Service Program enter immediately into a continuing conference with representatives who are democratically elected from the CPS camps.

"In a Progress Report on this same campaigner dated August (continued on p.3)

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CONFERENCE STILL IN DOUBT OUR LEADERS CRITICIZED

"The Failure of C.P.S. or Is It?"

The failure of C.P.S. results essentially from the conflict between the demands of Selective Service and the desires of the C.O.'s. The rigid and lasting demands are not compensated for by the fact of a small amount of significant detached service. For one thing, that agency is very concerned that it can tell the public that the lot of the C.O. is at least equally miserable to that of the soldier. As a corollary to this, it really cannot allow the main portion of our work to be anything but uninteresting, insignificant, and physically exhausting--since this is the fate of a large portion of our army. And finally, it is interested in isolating us from populated centers since thus the chance for good public relations is excellent, there being little or no public for us to come in contact with.

In outright opposition to these demands lie the desires of the C.O. Very often he did not really accept conscription but came against his will with the same reluctant resignation which characterizes the attitude of a large number of soldiers. Even if he did reluctantly accept it, he almost universally feels (cont. on p. 3)

CHICAGO SOCIAL ACTION MEETINGS DEPEND ON REASONS FOR FURLOUGH BAN

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A letter from Hershey to the NSB prohibits CPS men from taking furlough to attend the Chicago conference, while also stating that the general leave and furlough ban has no connection with the conference. Whether or not this will mean the postponement or cancellation of the conference is not at the moment clear. As we go to press, no indication of the reaction to this latest Hershey letter has been received from the men planning to attend the conference. However, prior to the knowledge of this letter, Rex Corfman (secretary of the conference) and Philip Isley had issued a circular of April 3 indicating that the conference need not be cancelled because of the ban on furloughs, though it might be postponed, depending upon clarification of the reasons for the furlough ban.

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WE CHANGE OUR STYLE

Beginning with this issue, and continuing probably for as long as we continue publishing Action here, we are abandoning the double-column format. We liked that style, and hoped it was effective, but it entailed a terrific amount of work by the production department. And now, as a result of the recent enforced westward migration, we have no production department. Whatever you see of Action now, you can blame on the Editor and the Circulation Manager.

WE CHANGE OUR TUNE, TOO

In past issues, we have been cautious and circumspect in the presentation of opinions. We have tried to avoid offending anyone. As a result, it appears we have succeeded in not pleasing very many, either. Time presses now, and we cannot dilly-dally. From here on in, we say what we think, as forcefully as we can, and let the chips fall where they may.

CPS TYPE PACIFISM

UNBEARABLE TO MANY

The current purge of the Eastern camps, the recent furlough ban, the Chicago Conference episode... The actions by Selective Service in these matters, and the helpless ineffectuality of the Peace Church administration of the camps, have increased the rate of defections from CPS to a point where it seems no serious objector to war can fail to be impressed. At Concord, N. H., yesterday six former Camptor men appeared before the Federal Court, five to plead guilty to charges of leaving camp, and the sixth to ask for trial on the issue of uselessness of the work. When some of these men walked out, the coercive activities of the administration were but a whisper compared to what they are now. On this issue alone - the application of coercion and intimidation in a so-called Pacifist Community - four men have been moved to announce some drastic action within the past week. Two of them went IAO, one IA, and one stayed with CPS but withdrew from the Society of Friends.

These cases are, patently, failures of the CPS type of pacifism. And these are only some of the cases in only one of the camps, and one of the good camps, at that. Many men, of course, are still of the opinion that there is an important place in the pacifist movement for a work-camp program. But few can any longer hold that there is not serious and immediate need for a new approach to the problem of those who disagree.

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DETACHED SERVICE CALLED "WILL-O-THE-WISP" BY BIG FLATS MAN

E. B. Fincher, writing in "Grass Roots", camp publication at Big Flats, gives a timely warning as to the likelihood of dissatisfaction with detached service if it is seized upon too rapidly as an escape from the present doldrums of the camp situation. Because of the applicability of his comments to many who are especially concerned at the moment over the break-up of the eastern camps, his article on this subject is carried in full.

"Detached service is no solution of the CPS problem; at best it is a compromise. In fact, detached service may be considered an easy way of escaping camp, thus making it unnecessary to face a most difficult situation. Realism also prompts one to admit that only a small number of men will be assigned detached service in the near future. Few fields are open, partly because of bureaucratic control, partly because of public opinion. Furthermore many men are disqualified for physical or mental disability or have been blacklisted by a camp director or project superintendent.

"The organization of detached service projects also leaves much to be desired. Frequently campers do not see one another for weeks on end, making group identity impossible, and permitting exploitation of the men by the institution to which they are assigned. To quote one camper now on detached service, 'I have strong suspicions that not only are we helping the government to build our own ghettos but we are making it possible for government to pose as big-hearted and tolerant.'

"In short, the problems of CPS are often only intensified in detached service projects."

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CORFMAN EMPHASIZES NEED FOR RELIANCE ON INDIVIDUAL CONSCIENCE

Also Gives Partial Report on Chicago Conference

Pointing out that "progress is not made from organization per se...but depends upon the conscience of man...and his action upon principle," Rex Corfman says in a letter sent from Powellsville with the second issue of Social Action News that unity for pacifists can be attained in the support of all who "do act upon principle and truth as revealed to them."

In addition to setting forth this appeal for unity and reliance upon the conscience of the individual, Corfman's letter relates the difficulties of keeping CPS informed of the details of proceedings of the Chicago Conference. Also included is an account of the financial situation resulting from the Conference; and the Social Action News gives some important excerpts from the minutes.

(Ed. Note: Those things are probably on your bulletin board, so we refrain from presenting further details here.)

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BIG FLATS CAMP VICTIM IN EASTERN CAMP PURGE

Along with the recent "shake-down of the eastern CFS camps, thirty-three men were ordered transferred from Big Flats camp in New York to North Dakota. E. B. Fincher in his last letter as Big Flats camp correspondent decries conscription within CFS and its effect upon the men.

We quote in part from his letter, which is a nearly accurate picture of what happened in several of the eastern camps.

"The Selective Service order struck camp like a bombshell. After the initial stupefaction had disappeared, and anger at the administration had somewhat subsided, men moved about in a daze, unable to comprehend that the camp had been wrecked. Morale sagged to a record low. There came a realization that tenure in a CFS camp is completely insecure, that at any moment an order from S.S. may close the camp or move it across the continent; that at best, individual campers will be shipped out as fast as others are shipped in.

"With the realization of the futility of any planning, came the reminder that CFS men are conscripts, that SS, far from relaxing its control of the C.O., has strengthened it. Men were again reminded that the director was "put on the spot", and forced to become the instrument of Selective Service. And since the drastic shake-up destroyed two CFS values long stressed by Friends - the perfection of a working pacifist fellowship within the camps, and the establishment of a useful educational program - many campers ruefully concluded that AFSC was powerless to cope with SS, and that the recent Washington conference was a farce.

"Now that 33 men are enroute to North Dakota, those who remain walk through half-deserted, cavernous dorms, feeling that all concerned - AFSC, the director, the campers - are the victims of the same cruel system, that crisis and recrimination will characterize CFS in the future as in the past".

Fincher goes on to discuss the conclusion of two years of CFS - its effect on the pacifist movement and upon the men in camp. He concludes with the following:

"Bitterness is temporary and will disappear when frustration is ended. But a more dangerous feeling is developing, one with more serious implications for the peace movement. Many men, long familiar with the service records of the peace churches, are unable to reconcile some phases of CFS policy with the philosophies of these religious groups. What they have observed in the operation of the camps does not jibe with what they previously knew about the work of the peace churches.

"Numbers of the men in this particular camp are, to use Dr. Comfort's term, "friends of the Friends". Some of these assignees were on the point of becoming Quakers, not only because they accepted the Friendly approach, but also because they regarded the Quakers as the only possible nucleus of a vigorous post war pacifism. That CFS experiences should lead these men to believe that there is no place for them in the Friends Society would be infinite tragedy".

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SERVICE COMMITTEE REPLIES TO BAIRD LETTER

Invitation To Leave Friends CFS Is Politely But Firmly Repeated

In a letter written by Mary Newman of AFSC in response to the Baird letter we quoted last week, it is acknowledged that much of the information desired by men in camp is not immediately available. The demand that men decide now on going to a Friends set camp or remaining in Friends CFS has been made without the Friends having a clear picture of what such a set-up will entail. This is apparent from the following paragraph in Mrs. Newman's letter:

"The question of control of present detached service units is still under considerable discussion. There will be a meeting of some hospital superintendents with representatives from this office and from Selective Service on June 2 at which time we hope some progress will be made in clarifying relationships. The measure of control which we have varies widely in different units and we hope to bring some of the units which now go more directly under Selective Service into closer agreement with those who negotiate directly with us. It is not at all clear that this will be done and I am not sure that we will be able to say, even after June 2, what progress we have made."

Lack of clear understanding in Philadelphia of what the situation will be under the new dual, government-and-peace-church CFS system is further indicated by these statements: "We understand that Selective Service will begin new divisions in hospitals for most men who went detached service from government camps. We can see no reason why they should not be transferred into old units if the men wish to do so and have the mutual consent of Selective Service and the religious agency." "Generally speaking a man would not go directly into detached service of the 'new type' but would have to go to a government camp and be assigned from there. I think this need not mean that a three month period of service in a government camp would be required of men who have already spent time in a privately operated camp but we do not have any information from Selective Service on this point."

However, in spite of the muddled atmosphere in Philadelphia, it is assumed that men in government camps - breathing cooperatively the clean, pure air of nationally unimportant boondoggling - will at the drop of a hat decide whether there is more hope for their individual salvations under direct government maladministration or under the combined maladministration of church and government. So certain are the Friends of our ability to answer such a moot question that they readily inform us that we must do so. To quote from the final paragraph of the Newman letter: "We want to emphasize again that a choice must be made now on the basis of present possibilities and opportunities for development within the two systems."

*** NEXT WEEK ***

We will have a report on the WEIGHTMAN case, which we believe is the first RTW case to come to actual trial in court. Mel has plead Not Guilty and hopes to prove that assignment to unimportant work is unconstitutional.

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WEIGHTMAN TRIAL RAISES BASIC CPS ISSUES

National Importance of Work Challenged by Defense in RTW Case

Indicted April 27th by a Federal Grand Jury in Concord because he "did unlawfully, knowingly, willfully and feloniously fail to perform his assigned duties promptly and efficiently while an assignee in said Civilian Public Service Camp #32," Melvin A. Weightman was sentenced after a jury trial on June 1st to three years imprisonment in a Federal Penal Institution. Having been in camp six months, having continually performed his assigned duties with such promptness and efficiency as seemed to be requisite to the circumstances, and having repeatedly tried to get more significant work to do, Mel decided last December that he could no longer conscientiously continue with CPS boondoggling and served notice on the camp administration of his intention to quit. No detached service or other work of significance being offered him, he stayed in camp without working until he was arrested and released on bail. Although he has not denied any of the facts in the case, Mel entered a plea of Not Guilty in order to secure a court trial on certain aspects of CPS.

Represented by John Henry Denton, an attorney now at Campton, Mel filed in the Federal District Court at Concord a demurrer to the indictment and offered to admit the facts in the case and waive the jury in order to have the trial proceed on the points of law involved. The demurrer holds that the indictment was faulty on five points: 1) The Selective Service Act is unconstitutional in that it provides for conscripting men for non-military purposes; 2) The Act violates the 13th amendment forbidding involuntary servitude and the 14th and 15th amendments forbidding the taking of property without compensation; 3) The Act is inoperative because Congress has failed to implement the section providing for service of conscientious objectors by defining Work of National Importance, setting forth basic conditions of service or appropriating moneys for maintenance or payment of assignees; 4) It was not shown that the work was actually under Civilian Direction or that any Civilian Authority promulgates the rules and regulations for the camp; 5) Sufficient facts to constitute a crime against the United States were not stated.

Judge Morris in the District Court overruled the demurrer and proceeded with the jury trial, with the result noted above. Mel, however, is appealing from that decision to the Circuit Court of Appeals, and is at present again free on bail. The grounds of the appeal, as drawn up by Denton, consist of the points raised in the demurrer plus "the exceptions taken at the trial particularly to the Judge's charge and his refusal to charge that the Jury might consider the Importance of the work and might acquit if it concluded that the work was not Work of National Importance."

REGIONAL CONFERENCE THIS WEEK-END AT AMHERST

Another NSERO-sponsored Regional Inter-Camp Conference will be held June 12 and 13th at Amherst, Mass. Among the subjects to be discussed are NSU-SS relations, NSB-Service Committee National Representation educational program coordination.

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SO SORRY, PLEASE, REGARDING DELAY

We know we have not always been too prompt in getting this publication out to its readers on its nominal date of issue. This time, however, we have set a record for delay, for which we offer our regrets and ask your indulgence. After all, we have been operating under conditions which make it difficult to continue at all, let alone keeping on time. And what's worse - the very conditions which make it difficult to publish are the things we most want to publicize.

Right now, the Government Camp business has us in a dither, with a new decision being made each day, until we get too confused to write down what is happening. As things stand at the moment, there is a definite possibility that the whole staff of Action (both of us) may be ordered, willy-nilly, to Colorado. If that happens, we shall be looking frantically around for someone to carry on for us. Sooooo...anyone, especially someone who is already out west and therefore more or less likely to stay put for a while, who has an interest in carrying on, should get in touch with us right away, if not sooner.

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PACIFISTS PUSH PLAYMATES AROUND PEACEFULLY

Or Perhaps This Should Be Called "Lessons in Philology"

The Friends Intelligencer for Sixth Month 5 (which in American money is June 5th), 1943, carries an unsigned article entitled "Major Changes in Civilian Public Service." Since the paper is read mainly by Friends and their friends - people likely to be numbered among those who put up the dough for CPS - it would not be surprising to find that worthy institution placed in a rather favorable light.

To anyone, however, who realizes that the hope of pacifism is to build a world based upon mutual understanding, it will be a bit of a shock to find an outstanding pacifist paper indulging in such lack of candor as to amount to outright misrepresentation. Half of the article to which we refer is concerned with reporting on the provision of government-directed service for CPs beginning July 1st and results to date of administrative negotiations between the religious agencies and Selective Service. With that half we have no quarrel at present.

The second half of the article relates the reasons given by the Department of Agriculture for wanting CPS men moved west and gives statistics on the moves that were made. Its final paragraph contains these statements: "While the Service Committee regrets the personal inconvenience and the disruption of significant camp life that results from such moves as the ones just made, it is gratified that under difficult circumstances, arising primarily out of the war situation, the men in camp and the Friends CPS administration were able to make the required adjustments promptly without resort to impersonal and arbitrary procedures. In the selection of the men for transfer a large degree of responsibility was placed upon the democratic organs of camp government, and consideration was shown for individual needs and preferences." Emphasis is ours, and if that stuff is candor, we'll eat it.

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FOUR NEW WALK-OUTS

We have received news of four more walk-outs, three of them from the Alexian Brothers' Hospital Unit and one from Bowie. We wish we could give their complete statements.

John Marshall, Bob Howda, and Eugene Crystal who have been in the hospital unit feel they have failed to secure freedom, or consistent loyalty to principle, in CPS. Seeing no gain ahead, they feel the time has come to leave. They support the recent statement of the seven men at Coshocton, and hope to join their community or a similar group in Chicago. In a joint statement they say:

"We have been trying for many months to act on principle within CPS..... Most of our time has been spent in work and training that has our full support and approval. At the same time we have felt an interest and responsibility beyond the walls of the hospital. We have been concerned for freedom of assembly and organization in all of CPS, have attempted to convince administration of failures in support of principle, and tried direct action against orders in violation of freedom....."

"We realize that our relations in CPS have not basically changed for anything that we have done....."

"So we have failed to build a free world or even our corner of it, which seems to us our job, in the framework of conscription. The experience has been a full, rich span in our lives; but we have failed....."

"It is in part our failure. Certainly freedom, life by principle, can be sought by as many courses, from as many ports as there are men..... Conceivably men with greater moral fiber, with lives more consistently, transparently principled, might have the soul-power of example and persuasion to make of CPS a way of loving service not maintained daily by compromise and moral half-blindness. We haven't been able to do that. The alternative, as we have seen it, is bargaining and compromise."

Marshall Palley in leaving Bowie had felt a growing opposition to War and to the institutions that make it possible. He says in part:

"It is a serious matter to be acquiescing in the right of our government to conscript men's lives for war. If permanent conscription is fastened on the American people those of us who have accepted it in war time will bear our full share of responsibility. Our job in these times seems to me to be bearing a radical witness to the wrongness of war and all the states of mind and institutions that give it toughness and survival power."

"There may be a lesson for us in Jesus' dealings with the devil in the matter of turning stones into bread. It was a sort of relief job, but under dubious auspices. Jesus' ringing answer on that occasion seems to me to have its bearing on our present situation: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'"

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THE NEW GOVERNMENT CAMP

Being Some of the Answers to Some of the Questions about CPS Camp #111.

Please note that the camp is only three weeks old, and that it may be necessary to amend a few of the following statements after more time has been allowed for new developments. We are attempting to answer here as many questions as practicable in a limited space. There is at the moment no desire whatever on the part of the Action staff to influence anyone either to come here or to stay away. What we do hope to do is to give you an idea of what to expect if you do come here.

1. **CAMP DEMOCRACY.** None at present. There is some discussion of a plan to form a camper committee to represent the men in dealing with the administration but at this writing, nothing has been done. Since the camp is still small (now about 70 men), the need for organization has not been acute so far.

2. **DISCIPLINE.** A little less annoying than in some of the worst religious agency camps, and a little more annoying than in some of the best ones. Dorms are inspected and men advised to clean up their bunks, hats are not allowed in the dining hall, men are expected to keep shirts on while eating, silent grace period is observed, and so forth... nothing too terribly irksome as yet.

3. **RECREATION, RELIGION, and EDUCATION.** Library furniture is very good - there is considerable room for, and definite expectation of, improvement in the material available. Rec Hall has small stage or platform at one end, two pool tables (with cues that have tips on them), one ping-pong table. Softball diamond handy to camp buildings. Whole countryside to walk in, with mountains just too far away to reach on foot. Town (Mancos) five miles distant, has movies Friday through Monday, good drug store, tavern... dirt road with very little traffic; pretty rough for biking and all uphill from town to camp. Mancos has Catholic, Mormon, and Methodist churches, and a few men have been able to ride down and back each week. Rumor gives us a chaplain in near future. No educational program has been set up as yet. Director has some ideas about provision of further facilities in all three of these fields, and there may be more to say before long.

4. **FOOD.** Wonderful at first. We have a steward instead of a dietitian, and he is a guy who believes in serving real meals. Unfortunately, ration difficulties are presently crabbing his act somewhat but the eating is still better here than in many of the other camps... this camp operates on a budget a bit over the minimum subsistence budget adhered to by some of the church camps.

5. **COMPULSORY FARM DEMANDS.** We understand that the situation here is the same as in other camps on this matter. Many men are definitely apprehensive about it, feeling that trouble is inevitable if demands for such service become extensive. To date, volunteers were found, but only three were required on one day. Director Thomas is aware of the fact that some of the men feel strongly on the matter and is handling it as carefully as he feels he can.

6. **PROJECT.** Definitely of at least local importance, which is a lot more than can be said for some of the work in other camps. Project consists chiefly of an irrigation and stream control reservoir, with appurtenances, and involves an earth-fill dam about 200 feet high and 1,200 feet long, canals, ditches, gate structures, etc. Equipment is on hand and being used. Project has some sort of priority rating, so that materials and supplies can be obtained. Government men are all inter-

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WHAT IS THE "PAY ISSUE?"

Herewith we present two statements on the pay issue:

NORMAN THOMAS: "... Obviously this legal recognition implies that non-rendering this alternative service are entitled to decent support and remuneration, at least at the minimum rate paid draftees in military camps. On any other interpretation, alternative service is an unworthy and shameful thing, and the government which enforces it is requiring a form of slave labor. Those who under compulsion accept it are breaking down some of our bulwarks against the omnipotent totalitarian state. For this elementary principle of law and justice in our democracy this committee stands."

Major-General HERGENY: "The fact is that they were not paid. At the present time the law permits payment, we believe. However, we do not think they would accept it. It is our opinion that the great mass of conscientious objectors believe that it is not good public relations to pay them anything. First of all, it (is, not paying them) sets up a criticism of a man being compelled to accept something, rather against his interests, to be a conscientious objector -- in other words, he is denied pay."

Between the two statements we can choose only the first. Between insisting upon the principle that the laborer is worthy of his hire and submitting to the expedient of catering to public opinion, there is but one choice we can make. If our primary concern were the effect of our position on public relations, we would have gone into the army in the first place. It was the firmness of our belief in principle that

brought us into CPS, and it is this same belief in principle which makes imperative continued and increased efforts toward the righting of a wrong.

EDITORIAL NOTE

With this issue, ACTION becomes an official organ of the CPS Conference on Social Action. Although representing that general point of view which emphasizes that the pacifist's obligations include more than mere personal renunciation of non-pacifist methods, the columns of ACTION will remain open to all points of view within CPS and to all pacifist opinion anywhere. In this sense, we can repeat from the first issue (March 22) the following:

"Our principal concern is to encourage CPS campers, wherever they may be, whatever their private convictions, to regard ACTION as their newspaper, and to use ACTION as a clearing-house for their ideas and convictions."

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We submit that the General errs in two ways: (1) The no-pay situation tends to injure public relations in that it is frequently interpreted as meaning that COs are "buying their way out of the War". (2) The criterion of a man's ability to withstand the financial sacrifices of CPS is no criterion of conscientious objection--there are too many men asking for reclassification out of 4-E, too many men who found it impossible to accept 4-E at all. We who have been able to manage in CPS one way or another cannot question their pacifism. We should rather ask, Is there real freedom of conscience when its exercise so often depends on the ability to "support" it financially?

The pay issue is clear: If the government can today deprive COs of the fruits of their labor, it can do the same tomorrow to Presbyterians, Prohibitionists,

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CONSCRIPTION AT HOME

CONSCRIPTION ABROAD

In the past we have tried to cooperate with the administration at Mancos to the extent of not emphasizing the unpleasant aspects of the camp. This, apparently, has created for some of our readers the impression that "all is sweetness and light" at CPS 111. Let's get that straight. Much that we may regret to admit it, it is a fact that the administration here has grown progressively more annoying as the camp population has grown (now at 127). The paternalistic interference with individual freedom is relatively free of the hypocritical sanctimony we have seen so much in other camps. But it is still paternalistic interference. As such, it is something no self-respecting individual can accept with complacency.

Last week at Mancos an issue of ACTION spoke out against some of these grievances. This issue was not mailed because we saw that some of the grievances were corrected by the director when they were brought to his attention, and because some of these problems were purely local in nature. But the basic pattern of benevolent dictatorship remains unchanged. Thus, we had written: "For the sake of 'conformity', men have been asked to stand with all others during meditation before meals, leading some to prefer being late to meals rather than being 'conformists' in meditation." At the noon-meal following publication, Director Thomas, completely misinterpreting our objection, asked (over)

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ACTION welcomes exchanges with CPS camp papers and other pacifist publications.

Italy's unconditional surrender is considered by many as the "first of three major steps toward the Total Victory our Nation has been fighting for." To some these news flashes spell the beginning of the end--the end of war, of hate, of conscription--and the return to the life we know before.

But does Victory spell Peace? Just what will this Victory over Italy mean to the Italian people? We have been fighting to free the world from tyranny. We have eliminated one tyrant, and are now masters of the Italian destiny. We are going to impose freedom upon her--we are going to impose Democracy. But can Democracy be imposed, can freedom be beaten into a people? Can we expect anything but raster and slave, empire and colony, hate and seeds of another war? Total Victory is total subjugation, and subjugation, no matter what is imposed, is tyranny.

And what is this Total Victory to mean here at home? Will it really mean that the end is closer, and that Peace, lasting Peace, is on the way? Victory means conscription for the vanquished, but that conscription necessitates a constant vigilance on the part of the victor which is equal to the strength which it enslaves. No; within the Victory tune there is no note of freedom. We of this Nation--soldier, civilian, and objector alike--will feel the bite of conscription one full hour for every hour we impose that conscription on a vanquished Nation. The one is impossible without the other, and we must soon decide whether or not we are willing to pay the price. And for what? For the seething hate of the whole world?

Pacifists, most of them, can plainly see this handwriting on the wall. The great mass of people, as yet, do not. Our job should be crystal clear.

-- George Baird

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THE NEW CPS AGREEMENT

In 1939 the London Yearly Meeting of Friends was asked by the British Minister of Labor to organize projects of a civilian character for men liable to alternative service. Their reply, dated July 10, stated in part:

"The Society of Friends ... finds itself unable to respond to your invitation, because it believes that in undertaking to organize alternative service under the Military Training Act, it would be impairing its testimony against the Act itself... Our answer to your invitation may appear to be a negative one, but it arises directly from the Quaker Testimony for Peace, whose positive expression is found in working for friendship between the nations."

In a letter addressed "To Those Concerned with CPS", David S. Richio, member of the AFSC Board of Directors and Secretary of the Friends Social Order Committee, wrote on September 20, 1943:

"I believe that CPS does not represent a program prompted purely by the spirit of universal love. If so, there would be much more consequential work being done. The reason it is not being done is because we are not allowed to do so by Selective Service. In other words, we have assented to the right of the state to determine to a very large degree the work that shall be done. In deed we have denied our own basic purpose, ... and have assented to the right of the state ... to take the individual out of the work he believes is right, as God gives him to see the right, in order to use him in whatever work the state determines. The fact that we actually an aspect of military action and would not exist except for the decision on the part of the government to conscript for total war only makes our cooperation with the government program the more untenable. Our cooperation appears to me to be an almost traitorous denial of our basic faith..."

The perfect solution would be complete freedom of conscience. Aware that this cannot be attained at present, the following suggestions which will be accepted without that bias which our outspoken criticisms may have occasioned in the past.

We believe that the general camp program should be administered solely by the government and that the NSB and the Service Committees should henceforward devote their energies, finances, and bargaining powers to the establishment of ever more useful and varied "detached service" projects. The only argument heretofore presented in favor of maintaining COs in camps was that assuming financial responsibility would give the service Committees greater control over the entire program, and thus enable them to encourage a more effective pacifist testimony. It is hardly necessary to point out how disappointing the results have been. Their powers have been constantly whittled away. Transfers, camp discipline and use (and)

The British Friends in 1939 said: This is conscription; we cannot participate. Four years later, David Richio said: This is conscription; we must not continue our cooperation. And we can only add: Of course, this is conscription! Of course, CPS could not attain those results its founders so trustfully anticipated. But now that the desire for improving the program is widespread, what changes can be made? How can pacifist testimony be made more effective during this war? How can we add to the heritage given us by the men of conscience a quarter-century ago?

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FACIFISM'S FRONT LINE

Price Letter, Watson Report, Reveal Real Progress in an Earnest Struggle

A letter from Paton Price, receipt of which in itself is an indication of success in the battle of the Lewisburg Penitentiary CO's against administrative tyranny, contains a graphic account of what some of our friends in the front line are finding to occupy their time. Together with the report of Jim Watson -- recent arrival at Mancos from Lewisburg -- this letter gives a more accurate and up-to-date picture of actual happenings in one federal prison than is ordinarily available.

Paton's letter, written to his family and dated Oct. 10th (though not postmarked till the 19th), reads in part as follows:

"I understand that you know that I have refused food since Wed. morning, Sept. 29. I wrote two other letters explaining my position, but they were not allowed to go out. We have refused food because it is the only way that we have in our present situation of asking for the abolition of censorship; that wall of silence that separates all prisoners from the outside world. We have absolutely no objection to having our mail or any prisoner's mail "inspected" -- which we define as reading what has already been written for the purpose of detecting dope or plots of violence, but we cannot agree to "censorship" which dictates to a person what he can write, what he can read, and with whom he can communicate.

"Our condemnation of censorship" can be summed up in the following points: (1) places individuals entirely at the mercy of a totalitarian penal system without any method of outside appeal; (2) encourages prison abuses through secrecy -- if there is nothing to hide, then no reason for censorship; (3) allows an outmoded prison system to go on by keeping it out of public eye; (4) keeps lawbreakers almost completely isolated from society, thus permitting it to have false ideas about criminals; (5) raises a cruel and unnatural barrier between prisoners and loved ones; (6) denies prisoners contact with books, magazines, newspapers, except as filtered through totalitarian system; (7) denies possibility of free writing -- journals, articles, books, etc.; (8) encourages discrimination against political and religious minorities.

"For the foregoing reasons I feel compelled to fight such an evil with the most powerful weapon I have; my life...

"We had a very encouraging conference yesterday...I understand that the bureau of Prisons is soon to issue a bulletin on this question of censorship...We are willing to resume eating if the statement by Mr. Bennett states that (1) censorship has been replaced by "inspection" (as defined above); (2) that unrestricted access to books, magazines, newspapers and writing material be the right of every inmate; and (3) that neither of the foregoing rights will be denied to any inmate whatever his status nor would they depend upon his having signed the power of attorney or any other papers. If prisons are to be measured by the purposes of a democracy and such a state's concern for the individual, these are fundamental rights...Certainly there is no place in a democracy for a Bureau which cannot bear the light of truthful criticism or candid discussion.

"Millions of men are valiantly giving their lives in the holocaust of war for what they believe is a fight for freedom...I believe that real freedom will come only when men refuse to submit to tyranny wherever they are, and refuse to cooperate -- non-violently, of course -- with those who would enslave them. Believing so, should I be willing to pay the same price for obtaining it that my military friends are paying -- and vainly?"

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THIS IS ONLY RUMOR, BUT - -

Three times in recent weeks - and each time from a different but reputable source - we have heard that General Hershey is referring the matter of pay for COs to Congress.

This may by now be a matter of public record. We know it, however, only as a rumor. But it is a persistent rumor and therefore worthy of the attention of all CPS men and others interested in what happens to COs.

Some pacifists are fearful of Congressional action on the pay issue. They are afraid it will mean an end to CPS. Others hope that will be the result. The point is that the issue belongs to Congress - not to Selective Service, NSB, or the Service Committees. And it seems likely that Congress will consider it soon - probably before Christmas - whether this rumor is true or not.

This will be a tough problem for many Senators and Representatives. They will be glad to have your opinion on it, and that soon.

WHY DO WE STAY HERE?

Since its inception, ACTION has been committed to outspoken criticism of CPS. We have continually pointed out that CPS is unworthy of support by church groups and others interested in either the promotion of pacifism or the welfare of objectors. Further we have frequently commended men who have walked out of camp, and we regularly refer to men in jail as being on "Pacifism's Front Line."

But we stay here. In fact, most men do stay. And all of those who do have good reasons for it. To some, CPS itself presents sufficient challenge to their abilities to teach and practice pacifism. Others have other reasons, of which we present a few herewith...

FEAN HARBURG: "When the Selective Service Act became law I was forced to choose between three forms of conscription - military service, civilian public service, and jail. Each involves control of the free individual and control of our personal lives.

"War I consider irrational - the destruction of human life brutal - and military service therefore absolutely unacceptable. To despair of conscription here may only result in giving up one form of conscription for another more total.

"I abhor all conscription of personality. Conscription is part of a larger trend...

FAREWELL TO IGAL

Tuesday night, Nov. 9th, a Deputy U.S. Marshal called for our Assistant Editor, Igal Roodenko. Nearly half the men in camp gathered in Tobacco Road (Barracks E) to bid him good-by.

Igal was in the 12th day of a fast and work-strike in support of the men at Lewisburg. On the 9th day, Nov. 6th, anniversary of the birth of Eugene Debs, he appeared in the dining hall, though he did not eat, to quote from Debs: "while there is a lower class, I am in it; while there is a criminal element, I am of it; while there is a soul in prison, I am not free."

His departure in custody of the Marshal bore evidence of the fact that Roodenko wasn't kidding. Our "Mad Russian" was not the sort who makes rash statements. He will probably be in jail with Price and the others, before long. And he will carry on there...to the bitter end if need be. There is no doubt of that.

Yet Igal is a reasonable man. And in that fact lies the hope that the end need not be bitter. Even as the Marshal came for him, he was putting the finishing touches on a letter to Prison Director Bennett. That letter urged - and promised cooperation in obtaining - a reasonable settlement with the Lewisburg

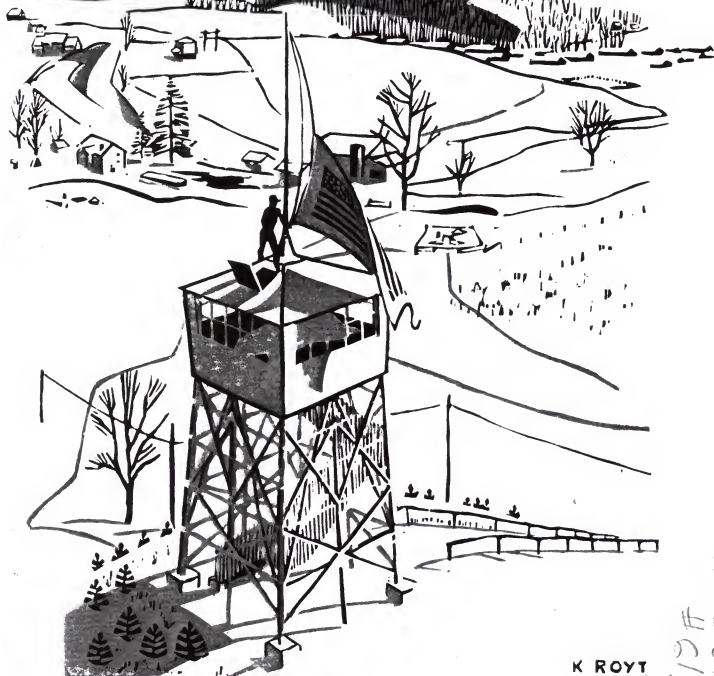
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Supplement

The following is a list of staff members and campers who have been at C. P. S. Camp No. 23 Coshocton, Ohio at one time or another. The single asterisk (*) in front of the address indicates that it is a permanent address. All other addresses are induction addresses and may or may not be permanent. The double asterisk (**) following the code name indicates that the camper could be reached there when this list was published. Some time in the future we should like to publish a list with all the permanent addresses. Would persons able to supply further permanent addresses please do so?

Follows the key to code names and special notes:

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 Wall. = CPS 30 Wallhalla, Michigan
 Camp. = CPS 32 West Campton, New Hampshire
 Belts. = CPS 34 Bowic, Maryland
 Cole. = CPS 37 Coleville, California
 P. R. = CPS 43 St. Juan, Puerto Rico
 BigF. = CPS 46 Big Flats, N. Y.
 Byb. = CPS 49 Philadelphia State Hospital, Philadelphia, Penna.
 Powl. = CPS 52 Powellsville, Maryland
 Elk. = CPS 59 Elkton, Oregon
 Duko = CPS 61 Box 3805, Durham, N. C.
 Weep. = CPS 67 Downey, Idaho
 Cieve. = CPS 69 Cleveland State Mental Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Haw. = CPS 72 Hawthornden Mental Hospital, Macedonia, Ohio
 Sand. = CPS 76 Glendora, California
 Warr. = CPS 83 Warren State Hospital, Warren, Penna.
 Oak. = CPS 89 Oakland, Maryland
 Presb. = Presbyterian Hospital, Box 289, 622 W. 168 Street, New York, N. Y.
 Alex. = Alexian Brothers Hospital, Chicago, Ill.
 Coll. = Columbia University, New York, N. Y.
 Princ. = Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.
 Col. = Detached Service----address: 1454 Highland Street, Columbus, Ohio
 Farm = Detached Farm Service----Write camp for addresses.

Notes:

- 1) Denver Adams is in Jeremiah, Kentucky on sick leave.
- 2) Russ Johnson is responsible for the parenthesis around the name of Irence Rockwood on our list of staff members.
- 3) Stanley Murphy is serving a 2 1/2 year sentence in Danbury (Conn.) prison for having walked out of Big Flats camp. Write to his mother at the address given.
- 4) Ed Peacock transferred to West Campton and came back less than a year later as director of Coshocton, a position he now holds.
- 5) Dick Wager is responsible for the parenthesis around the name of Gladys Day on our list of staff members.

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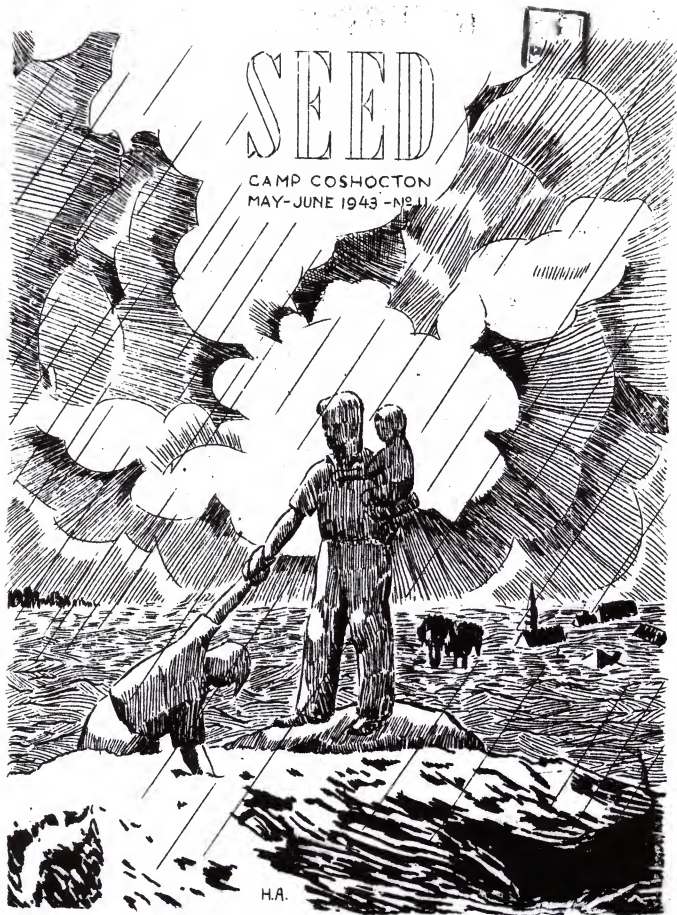
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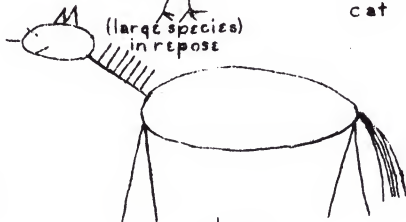
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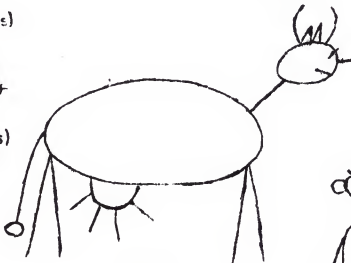
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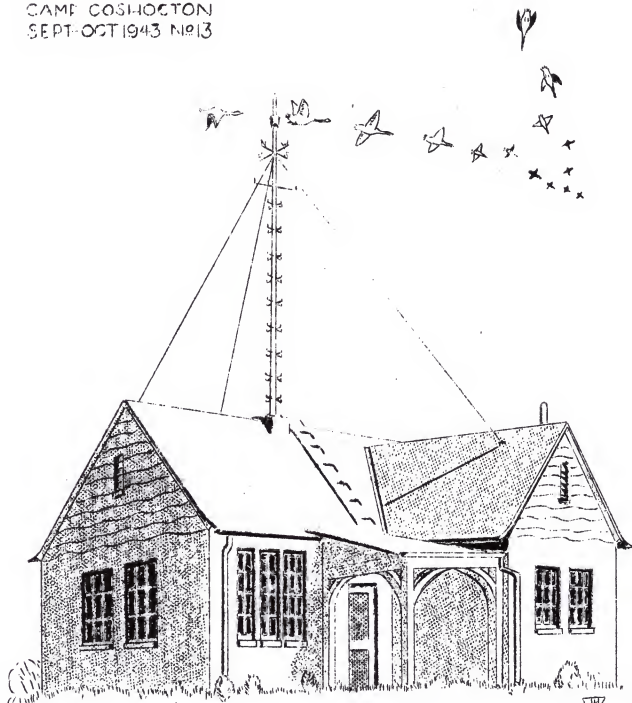
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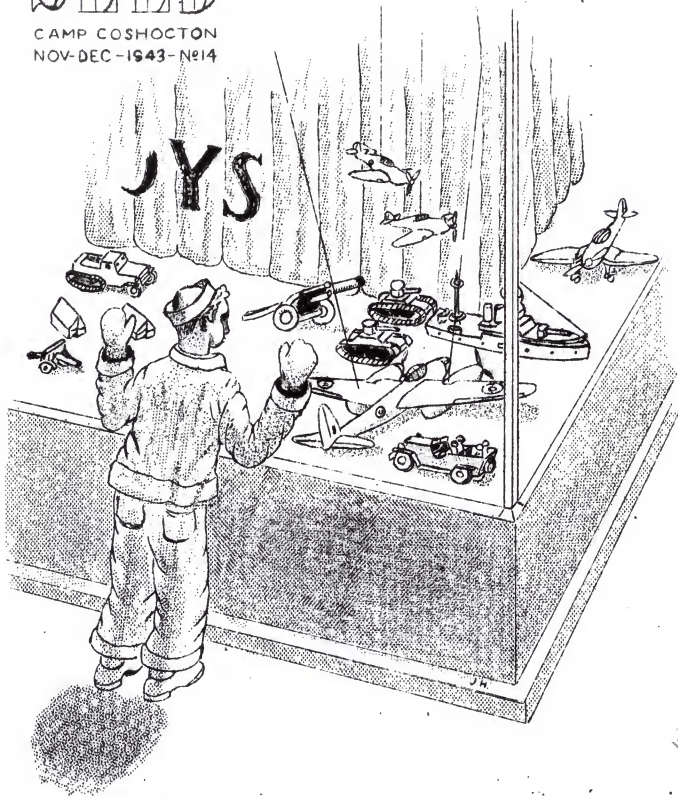


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ISSUE 1

BUFORD-TRENTON PROJECT

MEN OF TRENTON CPS

Trenton led the way for the opening of a group of new CPS units, crowding the total over the hundred mark, when a cadre unit arrived from Merom April 15. The men were: Sam Bertsche, Ernie Bonhivert, Forrest Earl, Dick Graves, Leevern Johnson, Ralph Kohn, Ernst Mills, Jack Phillips, Joe Osborn, John Flott, and Bob Starbuck.

The main contingent arrived from Merom April 28 consisting of: Warren Allinger, Lewis Arney, Melvin Arney, Amos Bartels, Merwyn Bonnett, Lynn Brown, Harold Bruns, Bernard Campbell, Keith Casey, Vail Cordell, Otto Dahlke, Hubert Diekvoss, Neil Hartman, Ray Fickel, Herb Goldhor.

Joe Hambenne, Ogden Hannaford, Don Harvey, George Hitt, Ellis Hoskins, Harvey Hoskins.

Canby Jones, Horace Kehl, Fred Kenderline, Milo Lundin, Ed Maldaner, Ross Marquiss, Bill Marshall, Ed Northway, Dick Pletttau, Bob Rathburn, Marlowe Rector, Bill Somerville, Tilman Stangeland, Walter Zeiss.

At the same time Merom was closed, a group of ten men left to open a CPS unit at the Agricultural Experiment Station at Ames, Ia.: Leo Carlson, Wayne Dunn, Charles Esswein, Wesley Hein, Gordon Lewis, (continued on page 7)

Irrigation and the making of a stable agricultural economy for western North Dakota - that was the project which greeted the 150 CPS men who arrived in Trenton this month from camps at Merom, Ind., Oakland, Md., and Big Flats, N.Y. Coming from these scattered points the men found a project, under the Farm Security Administration and the Bureau of Reclamation, which calls for the irrigation of more than 15,000 acres of semi-arid land.

Farmers were dusted out of this area in the drouth years of '35-'37, farms were abandoned, live-stock shipped out to more prosperous regions to the east. Until the Buford-Trenton irrigation project was approved by the President in 1939, a relief economy prevailed along these upper Missouri river farmlands.

Civilian Public Service men find that other workers, WPA and CCC, have preceded them, and already the main canals and the pumping station at Buford are virtually completed, with 2,000 acres of land reclaimed and under cultivation. The present camp will complete the lateral canals and the farm ditches, level land to make for a proper flow of water, and construct the building units planned for the farms on which rural families will be resettled by the FSA.

First, campers will clear the land of brush, and then survey crews will lay out the land for levelling. Men who have been trained by FSA foremen in caterpillar tractor and carryall operation will then smooth out the humps and fill in hollows, and drag-line operators will cut ditches to the individual farm units. The carpentry crew will then build the WPA-approved farmhouses and out-buildings on the 80-160 acre units, and the FSA-selected tenants will then be able to move in and begin cropping the land.

Government holdings of project land are distributed to individual farmers through the Trenton Mutual Aid Corporation, cooperative society which holds the master-lease. Farmers, in low-income brackets (under \$2,000) and preferably former residents, are approved for resettlement by FSA officials, and then lease the land from the corporation. (Continued on page 2)

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TRENTON CPS CAMP 94

JUNE 1943

ISSUE 2

A MORE SERIOUS THREAT TO THE NATION CPS COOKS THAN THE WAR CRISIS

(Powellsville, Md.-June 18) by special correspondent.

A serious shortage in kitchen staffs among CPS camps is imminent due to the selection of men for detached service, according to Ken Morgan, representative of the AFSC, Philadelphia, who visited here the first of this week. Assignment of all twelve men now completing their course of training in the first Friends Cooking School is virtually assured by the first of July. Many camps are in need of dietitians and many others need head cooks. Already one member of the school, Leroy Bird, has been chosen to be dietitian at the Coleville (Cal) camp. Bird will leave shortly for the west coast. Coshocton, West Campton, and other camps are needing dietitians. Some of the candidates will return to camps from which they were selected.

The Cooking School opened on May 3 at Camp Pocomoke, Powellsville (Md.) under the able direction of Harold Cope, former dietitian at Coleville, and graduate of the Cornell University School of Hotel Management. Assisting him is Miss Betty Mellor, dietitian of the Powellsville camp. Twelve assignees, selected for their training and experience by the Philadelphia office of AFSC,

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is the constant drain of rural population into large cities which are proving to be "graveyards" of our civilization, Arthur Morgan, former director of the TVA and an authority on small community life, said during a recent visit. The former president of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, who has devoted much of his energy to building up small industries and a vital community life in this college town, declared that small communities have been the very heart of human culture.

"It is in small intimate groups that the qualities of mutual respect, mutual trust, and a sense of cooperation and responsibility are developed. The modern city, with its high degree of mechanization and competition, is tearing down these basic qualities which are the very cement of society. There is a steady deterioration of personal relationships in the cities. Unless this tendency is reversed our country will have a very short history. Scores of civilizations have risen to peaks of brilliance and then just faded out. There is no guarantee that this will not be our fate unless

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CPS DISPLACES PAID LABOR

The recent laying-off of three Civil Service tractor operators employed on the Buford-Trenton Irrigation Project and their replacement by assignees caused considerable concern among the campers, leading to a special camp meeting and a letter to the NSBRO protesting against the policy of CPS men being used to displace paid labor.

A committee of eight campers was elected to investigate the affair and had a long interview with the project supt. The committee reported to a special camp meeting and a motion was made to continue work without protest. The motion was defeated and a second motion to continue work but to make a protest against the policy was passed by a vote of 31-8 with 6 not voting.

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THE *Strigato*

Trenton CPS Camp 94

Issue 3

FORCE OF LOVE vs. LOVE OF FORCE

FLAX FACTS

Approximately 50 acres of flax have been planted this spring on land leveled and plowed by CO's working on the Trenton project. A committee authorized by the camp meeting was set up to investigate the uses of this suspicious crop and its by-product, linseed oil. The main purpose was to find the truth behind the rumor that flax is being used to turn out high explosives. To date the committee has uncovered facts which clearly substantiate their suspicions. It is certain that men in

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BAR COLLEGE UNITS

Congress July 2 passed a War Department appropriation bill for more than 70 billion dollars. Attached to the bill was a rider which provided that none of the money appropriated could be used for payment of salaries of any officers holding posts in the conscientious objector section of Selective Service system if they had any responsibility, even to the extent of general supervisory

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With primary elections in the offing, the *IRRIGATOR* urges CPS men of Trenton and other camps to make application for absentee voting.

Write the board of election commissioners or the county clerk of your home county requesting a ballot and instructions for casting your vote by mail.

WE NEED MORE COs

Mr. Victor T. Olsen, of camp operations division of SSS, declared during a recent visit to Trenton, "We are not getting enough COs any more. We used to get over 700 a month; now we leave them out—but don't get me wrong."

Vic held court while neophytes, hardens, hecklers and good boys were rewarded with the inimitable V. Olsen brand of intelligence. Admirable restraint marked his explanation as to why Congress and the War Dept. weren't conducting an all-out program to get pay for men in CPS camps. To the hecklers, "A lot of you 'conscientious' objectors really belong in jail!" Reward for

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Most Americans expect no contribution from this conscientious objector to the postwar world, because they do not even know of the COs' existence. But the small group outside CPS who know and care about the CO will be greatly disappointed if we here do not develop real community living and become prepared to bring this life to others after the war. So spoke Dr. Paul A. Schilpp, associate professor of philosophy at Northwestern University, as he hit the keynote of his four-day visit to Trenton with a speech on "What we may expect of the conscientious objector."

Here from Aug. 13 to 16,
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BUILD HOUSING UNITS

Construction of 20 farm units now occupies number one position in project work, as remodeling of old homesteads discontinues for the season. Built on 100-acre tracts of land levelled by cat crews, the new units consist of a house, barn, poultry house and in some cases a portable hog house.

The houses will be occupied by FSA-selected tenants of the farm units, and
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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1943

ISSUE 4

PAULSON BREAKS CPS-FLAX TIE

PALMER DESCRIBES FEDERAL PRISONS

Charles Palmer, prison visitor for the AFSC, paid a two day visit to Trenton and reported on his investigations of the Federal Prisons.

After talking with prison officials and interviewing some hundred men, Palmer revealed that he considered the physical equipment relatively fine. "The dormitories and cell blocks are the cleanest places I have ever seen." Medical and psychiatric service is offered. Every prison has an Inmate Council which talks over problems with the Warden. In some prisons Mr. Palmer stayed as long as four days and declared that the food on the "main line" for inmates was as good as officers' mess.

In discussing the weaknesses of the system, Mr. Palmer held the authoritarian method of administration the chief evil. Men had little to say in anything regarding their lives, although some classification boards gave inmates a choice of work.

Palmer emphasized that some of the CO's in prison have been making a good impression both public and private.

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WHO IS THE TRENTON CO?

He is more than an inch taller than the average man in the army and weighs nearly ten pounds heavier. He averages over two and one-half years of college, but he is hardly what you would call the intelligencia, since he ranges in education from just sixth grade to several Ph D's.

The preliminary results of the survey made of the men in Trenton CPS show some rather interesting

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WILL THE AFSC RENEW SS CONTRACT

For the past ten months the American Friends Service Committee has been directing its program under a contract which will run out at the close of the year. Looking forward, the Committee has been considering the matter of contract renewal rather extensively. Two factors weighed against each other, probably focalize the issue: the matter of finances and the matter of principles involved.

Over a period of two or three months there has been both public and private

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CAMPERS NOT TO WORK ON WAR CROP

Stating that no flax will be raised next year on land cleared or leveled by C-3 men, Joseph J. Paulson, superintendent of Buford-Recreation project, cleared CPS consciences that had been troubled about an alternate service program here which included participating in raising a war crop. Paulson issued his statement after a flax crew had refused to pick up flax, the linseed oil product of which is used for making nitroglycerin.

Planting of flax on project land had long been an issue with the men; a camper committee investigated the uses of flax, a 90 percent war crop, and found evidence to show that linseed oil played a considerable part in manufacture of explosives. When this was disclosed a number of men asked to be shifted from project jobs which prepared land for flax raising, feeling they could not as pacifists share even indirectly in munition making; John Hurdie, FSA official in charge of work assignments, readily agreed to these few changes. The flax issue

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THE Plowshare

"...they shall beat their swords into plowshares..."



MEROM CPS CAMP 14

JAN-FEB 1943

ISSUE 17

The Merom Course in

COMMUNITY LIVING

The course in community living at Merom aims to help those taking it to become acquainted with the very large part which the small community, or primary group, has played in human affairs. It aims also at an understanding of the present condition of community life in America.

With this background, the next step is to develop a picture of what the small community might become as a center of economic and cultural life. Methods of community organization and development are studied, both as to general principles and methods, and in several fields, such as education, health, recreation and other cultural activities.

For every person living and working in a small community an economic basis is needed. Therefore each person taking the course who plans for small community life is asked to consider ways in which he, individually, will make a living. There are a great many possible small community vocations, and individual students will be helped in so far as possible to literature and other sources of assistance in preparing for small community careers.

The following are some reasons for being interested in small community life:

1.) City populations do not maintain themselves. Unless recruited from small communities, including farm communities, American city population, because of the low birth rate, in a century would shrink to perhaps a fifth of what it is now. Our very large cities, like Chicago, would shrink to perhaps five percent or less of their present size. Today our small communities are being stripped of their intelligent vigorous members, who go to the cities. This process is moving faster in America today than it has ever before in history. Unless that tendency is checked the nation will be little small community population to supply the cities except low grade left-over people, and the quality of our national life will quickly deteriorate.

2.) Men are civilized, not because they are born that way, but because, living in a civilized environment, children acquire the civilized traits they see in those around them. The basic elements of civilization are such traits as, mutual confidence, mutual respect and regard, integrity, cooperativeness and neighborliness. These are what hold society together. If they disappear, society disintegrates. From time immemorial these qualities have been transmitted chiefly within families and small communities. Where such intimate relations are lost, these qualities tend to disappear. These intimate associations are being dissolved in America, and unless they are recovered and strengthened, our national character will deteriorate.

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PLOWSHARE

"...they shall beat their swords into plowshares..."



MEROM CPS CAMP 14

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MEROM MOVES

NEW SITE IN NORTH DAKOTA

All Furloughs Cancelled

The rumor of two months was verified on March 26, when it was officially announced by director Tom Potts that Camp Merom was to be moved the last week of April to Trenton, North Dakota. This will close almost two years of work at CPS #14 under the Soil Conservation Service. The new camp will be under the Farm Security Administration and designated as CPS #94.

A telegram was received March 30 from Selective Service director Hrshey cancelling all leaves and furloughs in all CPS camps. This further restriction came after the SCS superintendent had cancelled furloughs for the period of tree-planting.

Present plans call for an advance crew of about 10 men to leave the middle of April with director Potts to set up the new camp. The rest of the camp strength will remain to pack up and move the week of April 26. Two mental hospital CPS units in Pennsylvania have been expanded, and undoubtedly, some Merom men will volunteer for detached service there and in other fields of alternate work.

Trenton (population - 80), which is over a thousand miles from Merom, is located in the northwest part of North Dakota, 10 miles from Montana and 65 miles from Canada. It is on the main line of the Great Northern RR, just inside the Mountain Time zone, 1034 miles from Chicago and 1158 miles from Seattle. Merom campers will trade the peaceful, rippling Wabash for the wild and muddy Missouri, on whose headwaters Trenton is situated at an elevation of 1908 ft. College Hall, Holt Hall, the 6 cabins, and the 3 concrete-block dorms will be replaced by CCC barracks.

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CPS Camp 62

Cheltenham, Maryland

SEVEN MORE MEN ADDED TO CHELTENHAM UNIT

...news article

The Cheltenham unit will be increased to 22 men with the arrival this week of seven additional men from CPS camps. The new men are: Joseph Carter, Powellsville, Md; Ralph Schroeder, Merom, Ind.; Roland Smith, Buck Creek, N.C.; Robert Rose, Kane, Pa.; Robert Holzhauer, Warner, N.H.; Bill Channel, Big Flats, N.Y.; and Edward Rapp, Gorham, N.H.

Thomas, school superintendent, is now planning for a third contingent of CPS men. With this third group, he hopes to install a parole unit in Baltimore manned by four CPS social workers. About 85 per cent of the school's enrollees come from Baltimore, and Thomas states that more adequate parole supervision is urgently needed there. At present, two full-time parole officers work in Baltimore for the school, but one of these men is resigning for a position in a Baltimore city court.

The present Cheltenham CPS unit began operation on October 31, when Abe Kaminsky arrived from the Powellsville camp. There are now 15 members of the unit at work in the school. These men include: six cottage masters, one cook, one accountant, two psychologists, two social workers, and a night watchman. (See "Who's Who", page 2)

From 1870 to 1937 Cheltenham school operated as a private institution under the euphemistic title, House of Reformation. During the past five years the state has taken over complete operation of the school, and there are now more than 300 colored boys in residence. The school, about 20 miles from Washington and 45 miles from Baltimore, is located in a community known for its tobacco-raising and horse racing. With 1200 acres of land (800 acres suitable for farming and pasture) the school centers much of the boys' work activities around agricultural production. Located in the buildings, however, are a laundry, shoe shop, and tailor shop which boys help operate. On the school property are the following buildings: the administration building (built in 1872), six brick cottages, a new gymnasium, a new hospital building, the heating plant, a dairy barn, a mule barn, 10 modern poultry houses, a feed storage shed, and some hog houses. (jh)

SECOND HOWARD UNIVERSITY COURSE FOR STAFF BEGINS THIS WEEK

...news article

A graduate course in juvenile delinquency, sponsored by the department of social work at Howard University, held its first class of the quarter last Tuesday at Cheltenham. During the past fall quarter, an introductory course in case work was sponsored by the University, and about 15 regular staff members were enrolled. In addition, other staff members and many CPS men have audited the fall classes. Two CPS men, Angell and Hanks, are now enrolled in Howard University case work courses on the Washington campus. (wh)

CPS MEN PLAY IN FIRST ANNUAL CHELTENHAM "WASH BOWL" GAME

...news article

Six members of the CPS unit played in a recent football game between the champions of the school league and the "All Stars". The latter team was composed of CPS men and other staff members, as well as a few boys selected from the cottages. Grummon and Butcher were among the backs who helped roll up 27 points against the school champions. Malley, Cobb, Green, and Bruns played on the line. Score: 27-0 (wh)

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in our meeting with Dr. Conway, some mention was made of our desire to be utilized more fully, perhaps by giving us some project to work on during our free time. My comments were prompted more by a vague sense that there was much that could be done for the patients than by the possession of any program worked out in detail. I have since thought out several possible programs in some detail, and I should like to suggest them through this medium.

I think we need some very specific proposals, well planned, to present to Dr. Conway if we hope to meet with him again, and if we hope to gain from him an opportunity to render more significant services.

I. Improvement of the dining room in ward 16.

Possibly we could re-plaster the parts which at present harbor roaches. The built-in cupboards could be made over into movable cabinets, placed away from the wall to permit cleaning behind them. Failing such radical changes, we could simply use patching plaster, paint the walls and ceiling, and fumigate the room thoroughly.

II. Recreational programs

With the advent of summer, we could do a lot by simply offering to take patients for walks or out to play ball, on our free time.

We might prepare skits, or even a minstrel show to be presented some evening. It is a shame that such a theater as we have is not used at all.

Possibly some patients would enjoy singing in quartets, or even a chorus. This has been done in other mental hospitals, and reported favorably in medical journals. Even if it affected a very small number, say twelve or less, it would be worth while.

Stringed instruments (cello and violin) could be tried, though winter might be the best time for such projects. Folk dancing (Mrs. Edwards, perchance, in charge) might interest some patients. My phonograph might be used to entertain patients the few hours when it is not needed to disturb the occupants of the C&S dorm.

III. Educational meetings

We tend to forget those patients, this side of 35, who will be discharged in the near future. The large number of young fellows now on psycho, and some in Martin Hall, might profit from classes in English, speech, political economy, etc.

A program of personal counseling and aptitude testing for young patients about to be discharged would be a very worthy undertaking. There would be an alternative to "patch work" and "custodial care". The fewer the number of patients needing this service, the more feasible it is for us to undertake it in the amount of time we might care to contribute.

If any of these suggestions seem feasible, we should still be careful in putting into them. We should be sure that enough of us would be willing to see one through, to prevent having to give up a project soon after it had been started. We all need some free time for ourselves. Some have obligations of one kind or another. Should these suggestions elicit no interest nor enthusiasm, I should be satisfied though somewhat disappointed. --Doris

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Notices:

The store will be open again as soon as Mrs. Penrose returns from her vacation. Until that time the game room will be kept locked. However, Jim Russell has the key to the room and the authority to have it open as long as he is there-- contact him if you want to use the room.

Buck Tjossem has been commissioned to take a series of color pictures of the interesting activities concerning this unit and its work. If you have in mind any good shots contact him.

I have turned in to the accountant an individual clothing list for every man. This time they will try to have a separate purchase order for each of us so that we can avoid the difficulty we had last time. I don't know how long it will be before it's here so please be patient.

Next week I go on night duty so I do not know what time will be allowed for CPR. As soon as I know my schedule I will let you know.

-----Paul Kauffman of Glendora camp will arrive tomorrow to join our unit. He is a single man from California who went to the University of Washington. He is a friend of Gordon Hirabayashi who asks that we establish the name "Coffee" with Paul. More about him next week.

-----Harvin Elliott of the same camp has just received his transfer authority and should be here in the near future.

Special Notice

In keeping with our new camp philosophy there will be a special meeting on Sunday to hear a report from Bob Organ about his trip to Philadelphia, that center of culture. It looks as if there will be lots of interesting things to discuss.

Meeting----- Sunday afternoon April 16, 3:30 PM

In response to the new show of feeling I, J. 'Churchill' Coffin, pledge unto you to be a good (as possible) and faithful (in details) assistant director as long as we both can stand it.

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JOURNAL OF UNITOLOGY

Combined with

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Is World War! How would you like to participate in a phil-anthropic enterprise? How would you like to do something of lasting value for mankind (and we don't mean taking care of Charlie Schaeffer or Howard Cox)?

Gordon Kirbyson has been charged with the responsibility of finding a house in Spokane which can be used as a hostel for Japanese-Americans. He and Audine have located an excellent house for that purpose up on the hill over-looking the business district. It's a large house with several bed rooms, an apartment, and a separate cottage in the back yard. The lot is a large one and the garden is already to be planted. Some ten people have gone through it and no one can understand why they want only \$4250 for it!

We need 1000 by Saturday for a down payment. The FOR Group is canvassing members and friends. We received a promise of around \$300 the first day before we really got started.

Could you be willing to give 2.00--or 5.00--or \$10.00? \$50.00 raised out here would help a lot. For your return you will only get a tea in the basement, but you will be helping Caucasians Japanese-Americans, and negroes to mix.

The report on the Philadelphia conference for personnel secretaries was given Sunday. Some of that information will be repeated here from time to time.

The friends recently came to the conclusion that they were not running any better camps than the government could. The men weren't learning much, there was no adequate religious program, and there was no attempt to help the more maladjusted individuals. So the staff is now committed to doing as good a job as possible for this year. The educational staff and budget have been increased. \$7000 was set aside for the personnel program. A testing program has been started. Better records will be kept. More attention will be given to transfer applications. Plans are being started to help men after demobilization.

Dr. Conway has agreed to give someone a day a week to do this job in this unit. This will involve taking care of the library, getting information for any individual, taking care of visitors, planning meetings for church, providing recreational activities, giving and interpreting tests, making new personnel records, aiding in the transfer procedure, and being contact man for Philadelphia on post-war vacations. A complete list of duties is on the bulletin board.

Philadelphia Club Sunday, Jasser's room, 4:15 p.m.
Stebrecht's 7:00 p.m.

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At camp meeting two weeks ago it was agreed that every man who was interested in helping work with his recreational program would let him know what hours he had free to do so. Have you?

Remember that from now on the only method of applying for a transfer is by use of a preference sheet. Samples are on the bulletin board. All letters requesting transfer which are now in the AFSC office are being destroyed.

There has been a request for a group to meet to study farming. If you are interested, sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

If you want a copy of the art and literary edition of Compass (#25) see Bob Morgan.

Paul Furnas has asked personnel committees to suggest men for camp directors, camp assistant directors, and special service unit assistant directors. If you have any ideas on this mention them to Desk, Kenty or Stellrecht. A memo with the responsibilities and qualifications for each job is on the bulletin board.

There will be a camp meeting for the purpose of choosing the new ass't director for this unit. This meeting will be held in two sections so that Everyone can come. The date is Friday June 23. The first section will meet at 3:00 pm in the afternoon at Martin Hall and the second section will meet at 7:00 pm at the same place.

Please be there so that we can do the best possible job. To help you make your choice here is the list of the responsibilities and qualifications for the position.

Responsibilities

1. Selection of new members of the unit.
- Job training and job placement of unit members.
3. Administration of the unit; development of understanding between hospital authorities and unit members.
4. Relationship with AFSC; encourage education and personnel secretaries in their work.
5. Public relations.
6. Unit records and reports.
7. Conference and discussion with superintendant and visiting Service Comm. or AFSC officials.

Qualifications

1. Integrity
2. Practical experience, probably in business
3. Ability to handle details.
4. Ability in working out relations with men and institutional administrative staff.
5. Understanding of AFSC-CPJ
6. Ability to make decisions based on incisive judgements.
7. Ability to work with group or committee in reaching decisions.
8. Ability to represent men to AFSC administration and administration to the men.

DO NOT FORGET THE MEETING TO CHOOSE THE NEW UNIT MAN

The AFSC has sent out these blanks to determine our interests so that at they will have a list of flags to show. Please fill them out and return them at the meeting. AFSC needs

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to make appropriate at this time to circulate among the group a resume of the various conversations concerning the status of the unit, and to attempt to assess the value of the plans for the future which have been made. The need for this resume arises from the fact that we have had no camp meeting to discuss this subject, and from the fact that I have reported verbally only to those few whom I have met casually. The resume will begin some time later, and will be given in divisions numbered serially.

1 When Dr. Leaver of MBSAO was here, we conferred with Dr. Perry. We considered the present need for the unit, and the probable effect thereon of the slight increase in the regular employees which had occurred. It was our opinion that further increases were likely, and that consequently the need for our unit would be less in the reasonably near future. I pointed out that SBC, SBC, SBC, and (miraculous distal) the men themselves all agreed that our self-remedial basic labor should not displace nor compete with people working for wages. The units, having been established to meet an acute shortage, should be withdrawn when a supply of labor reappeared. It was decided, therefore, to permit the unit to shrink by releasing men for the other without requesting readjustments.

2 At the election of governors-elect Hallgren, considering his remarks about the existence of OCS units in this state, and also in the light of certain commitments he is reported to have made, it became even more important to make certain that this unit was not competing with paid labor. It will be expedient to be able to show, by pointing to a reduction in the size of the unit, that our maintenance of labor is being dispensed with somewhat proportionally to the increase in the number of regular employees.

3 In a recent conference with Dr. Perry, I found out that there have been 27 men added to the pay roll this past month. Assuming that this number represents a net gain of at least 25 persons, it does not mean that the need for 25 OCS men has been eliminated; for some of the additions are leased, and there are jobs now being performed by us which cannot be taken over by any new employees in the group hired this past month. Dr. Perry also pointed out that even if 75 new employees had been hired, he would not conscientiously say that there was no need for OCS labor; for even in "the good old days" the number fell below what might be desired. However, there is evidence in existence that the assumption made by Dr. Perry, Dr. Leaver, and myself was correct; and that we should plan on a gradual reduction in the size of the unit.

4 His desire is, then, to bring about an orderly reduction in the size of the unit, and this, naturally, and in such a manner as will enable him to find the number of jobs he holds, and also in such a manner as will allow individuals to depart without feeling ordered arbitrarily to do so. He feels the unit has killed a great deal, he has repudiated our services, and he does not want anyone to feel that he is being "kicked out."

5 Finally, setting aside the fact that Dr. Perry expects the unit to shrink to a size of about 50 men in the near future, and that of course he has no official strength to be established as that size, that the situation which is at a similar method can be used to

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OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE

There will be a camp meeting this Wednesday afternoon at 3:00, and a second session thereof ~~Wednesday~~ night at 7:00. The agenda:

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1 Travel restriction. The ban applies to LEAVE travel, and to PRIVATE forms of transportation. I have a statement to make concerning this which I do not desire to put in print.

2 Selection of one or several persons to do these jobs:

- a Correspond with our representative on the CPS executive committee, and post copies of INFORMATION on the bulletin board.
- b Consult with myself and Tjossem on the selection of material to be posted on the bulletin board, and on the manner of removing over-age material; also on methods of rendering the more important material more conspicuous.
- c Handle the material about peace time conscription which Ed Meyerding is sending out. It is his desire that we organize a campaign within the unit to use this material, and to raise some funds to pay for the material. Let's decide what we want to do with this suggestion.

3 A consideration of the present need for this unit, based on figures which I hope to have by then, and also a discussion of the conditions under which we feel this unit should or should not remain in the future. My personal conversations with nearly everyone in the unit has revealed a rather clear weight of the meeting to be in favor of the same position: hence this discussion should not be a long one. I have, however, several letters from Philadelphia which should be read for general information; and I also should like to have some definite statement adopted by the group to crystallize the opinion I have sensed informally, so that I can send Philadelphia a clear resume of our position. So far, they have only my impressions of your thinking, and my predictions as to the probable turn of events in the future.

In case you don't know how isolated we are, come in to the office and look at the map of special service units, which is now finished, to be reminded how thick the units are along the Atlantic sea board, and how remote Medical Lake is.

Remember that Betty Kenty is counting on us to help her with the caroling on the wards. Will she have to track you down, corner you, and extort a definite commitment from you, much as I do to get you to sign the payroll? (I am speaking one word for Betty and the carolling, and two for myself and the payroll.)

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Communique

from
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February, 1944

We are members of
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We came to render a
constructive service as
an alternative to the
destruction being wrought
in the world today.

We have been working here
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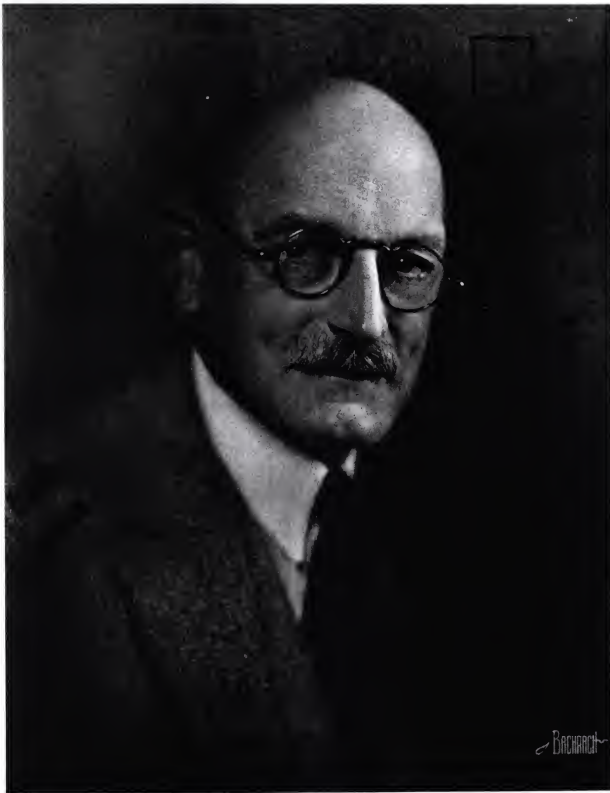
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EPISTLE #39 to CPS Unit #81-confidential



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Boy, am I getting rusty! Here, I've been sitting in front of my trusty little propaganda machine for ten minutes, all set to unleash half a dozen important items and yet, nothing seems to be happening. I could give out with a dozen or more alibis but if I did that, then I couldn't tell you about that "guinea pig" experiment that may be in the offing for 20, stalwart young men. Dr. John R. Paul, Professor of Preventive Medicine at Yale University visited the Hospital this am and made known the particulars of this experiment. Here's the story in his own words. "Research work is now being done in this country on a disease which is causing serious epidemics abroad. This disease is a type of contagious jaundice (called infectious hepatitis). Its cause and manner of cure are unknown. We are looking for volunteers who would care to do their part in this research program. It would mean that these volunteers would be either injected or fed material which might give them the disease. After injection, they would be asked to report to a physician once a week for a period of four months. If they became ill, they would be cared for in the local infirmary. The risk of serious consequences is practically negligible, but the discomfort of the disease, which may last for three ~~xxx~~ weeks is appreciable."

The above is a brief description of the experiemnt. I was present during Dr. Paul's presentation of the experiment to Dr. Leak and am inclined to feel that the experiment, although it may be of service to the military in areas where this epidemic is prevalent has the basis for a genuine humanitarian end. Results of the experiment will be available for the alleviation of civilian populations subject to this epidemic.

The experiment is being submitted to Selective Service for clearance and if approved and a sufficient number of volunteers are interested will get underway within a short time. All men seriously interested in participating in this experiment if and when approved, are requested to either sign the prospectus of the experiment on the bulletin board or else notify me by Friday noon of this week. All such men will then get a chance to attend a meeting at which Dr. Paul will answer further questions on the experiment.....

If you indicated that you were interested in taking a vocational interest test, TONIGHT' S THE NIGHT. The tests are on hand and will be given tonight. The first session will begin promptly at 7pm. The second session for those unable to make this hour will begin promptly at 9:45pm tonight. It takes approximately two hours to take the test. PLEASE BE PROMPT as there are special instructions which must be given before the exam....

Feeling lonesome and a little bit blue? Here's a prescription that might help, that is if you are not working on the 25th and 26th of March. Those are the dates of the forthcoming F.O.R. conference at Smith College, Northampton, Mass. For particulars, see Charley Fisher.... Dr. Leak has asked me to pass along his sincere appreciation to those members of the unit who participated in the recent vaudeville show for the patients. A repeat performance has been booked for April 12th.... Dave McAllester is deserting his wife, - - -for three weeks. It's a good cause, tho', we'll have you know for Dave is going as our emissary to the personnel-educational secretary's conference which gets underway at Pendle Hill on Friday....At the point of being obnoxious, may I remind you once again, that "DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR."

Alex Sareyan

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EPISTLE #40 to CPS Unit #81 - confidential.

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SPRING COMES TO THE OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE: We don't know who's responsible for this phenomenon; it might have been Paul Comly French or perchance, those entrusted to the destiny of the Red and Black Star, some might lay the blame on the doorsteps of the C.O.D. (Camp Operations Division). Countless other pressure points come to mind but we prefer to ignore them all and simply explain it as an "Act of God". We're referring of course to that startling announcement that finally left the Office of the Internal Revenue, declaring forthwith that "the value of the subsistence and incidental items furnished such individuals (men in cps - as if you didn't know), and the small cash allowances (he certainly hit the "sense of the meeting" that time) paid in lieu of subsistence that cannot ~~be~~ conveniently be furnished in kind, are excluded from gross income and exempted from income taxation; and therefore not subject to withholding; provided that in case there is any administrative change in the program to allow compensation for personal services to conscientious objectors (what do you know about that!) such payments will represent taxable income to the recipients....This is not a gag. You may refer to the document from which above is extracted, in the classroom. Please see teacher if you have any questions.

If you missed out on the opportunity to take a vocational aptitude test last week, YOU HAVE one more chance. However, you must inform me of your desire to take the test by 5 pm, Tuesday, March 21st. And I "ain't kiddin". No later ~~than~~ tomorrow, 5 pm.

By the way, unpaid balance on the uniform order which arrived about 7 weeks ago is \$65. I have no desire to dun those who still owe money. Unless you have made arrangements with me in person, I should like to have all ~~my~~ bills settled by March 22nd.

In recent weeks, there has been an epidemic of lost room keys. Lost keys are replaced only after considerable red-tape. In addition, it will cost 75¢ for the replacement. Please do not leave your keys lying around carelessly. Carry them with you on your key chain....We still have with us, that chronic complaint about the missing copy of the New York Times. May we reiterate, THE NEW YORK TIMES should not BE REMOVED FROM THE SITTING ROOM. It is placed in that room so that all might have access to it. This applies to back numbers as well as current issues....Men engaged in scoring vocational tests should clear through this office before going on the job to be certain that there is no conflict with another pair....Which reminds me, this would be a good time and place to remind everyone again about the conditions concerning part-time employment. Briefly these are: 1. No individual may accept part time employment in an industrial or mercantile establishment, or in any concern where a labor union has jurisdiction. 2. All job prospects must be cleared with the assistant director who in turn will obtain clearance from Dr. Loak if job is acceptable. 3. It is inadvisable to seek jobs through the local employment office. If you are looking for an opening, I may be able to give you a lead.

There are two or three matters requiring immediate attention of the unit. The most important has to do with the selection of the delegate to the CPS Executive Committee. The advisability of electing a unit council to help chart unit policy is another matter which will be up for discussion. The meeting will be held, THURSDAY EVENING, March 23 in the classroom at 7:30 pm...Recommended reading - Your Form 47.

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EPISTLE #41 to CPS Unit #81 - confidential .41 March 27, 1944

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RESUME OF UNIT MEETING: At the last unit meeting held March 25, it was decided to proceed with arrangements to choose unit candidate for district representative to attend meetings of CPS AFSC executive meeting. The attached ballot covers this item in fuller detail. Please note that the ballots must be returned to classroom by noon, Wedn. March ~~28th~~ 29th...The question of purchasing a typewriter for unit use was also brought up and you will find a referendum on this matter on the ballot. Please be sure to answer these questions as the results will determine further action...It was the sense of the meeting that a unit council of preferably 5 members be appointed to fulfill 2 important functions: (1) To provide channels of information both from and to the men in the unit and the assistant director. (2) To serve as a sounding board on matters of unit policy and attitude at times when it is not feasible to call a unit meeting. In many ways, such a group would be much more representative of unit thinking than unit meetings attended by eight or ten men. It should be noted that the council will not sit as a legislative group and no important decisions will be reached without consulting the entire group. At the meeting, Bernie Gross and the A.D. were requested to draw up a balloting scheme which should insure representation for the various groups in the unit and to proceed with plans for nomination and election of men to such a council....The Friendless Patient Fund got another shot in the arm with the addition of Lee Gross to the committee working out details. Dave Smith is chairman of this group and is planning to call a meeting of the members this week....

If you've got that "opposition to conscription" and are concerned about the May Bill hearings and cps reaction to same, a visit to the classroom is in order....FOR IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL, I have two brand new white uniform coats, sizes 40 and 36. Another order for uniforms has just gone in. If you are still interested, please see me pronto!

That Jaundice experiment mentioned in these columns a few weeks ago is temporarily out....Marvin Sussman is offering men interested in leatherworking, linoleum block printing and wood carving and allied crafts a chance to pursue these endeavors. He has the tools and has had experience teaching same....Jane Illick reminds us that LA BOHEME with Grace Moore is coming to the Bushnell Auditorium late in April. We suggest that you look up the most recent Hartford Courant if you take a shine to opera a la Moore....Bud Duncan is in the market for a bike, Anyone having such a contraption with which he would care to part on either a sale or rental basis could bring music to Bud's ears.

News of her father's death sent Gladys Wager back home to Iowa for the services. She was accompanied on the trip by Dick. Our sympathies have been extended....Ben Ross has returned to the hill and is in the last stages of convalescence from an appendectomy....Dave Marty is on the first leg of his trip to Lapine, Oregon where he will spend the next phase of his cps career...Paul Hanson writes that he is on the way to Coshocton where he hopes to be for a spell...We've neglected to keep you in touch with new faces in recent weeks so it's time we made a few introductions. From Lapine, we have Dr. Franklin and Irene Wherry and their daughter, Rose-Mary; from Gatlinburg, Charles Fox and Ray Hanson; from Manco, Eugene Link; from Bowie, Werner Baum; from Concord, Don Macpherson and from Elkton, Charles Gleiser, Clarence Morrison and Paul and Enid Johnston.

Alex Sareyan

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EPISTLE #42 to CPS Unit #81 -confidential

April 4, 1944

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DEMOCRACY AT WORK: In the recent election to determine unit candidates for district representative on CPS Executive committee and referendum on typewriter purchase, 29 men, or approx. 42% of the unit electorate were sufficiently to cast ballots. Charles Fisher emerged as the victor candidate....As for the typewriter purchase, only 8 men have indicated that they would make use of the machine if it were purchased. This is too small a group for the amount of money the purchase would require. The purchase, therefore, is being tabled for the time-being.

REMINDERS: In view of recent incidents coming to our attention, it seems advisable to reiterate certain established procedures...In the event that you require EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE, you should report to one of the hospital physicians and obtain from him, a brief statement that you require emergency dental care. Before going into town, be sure and see Alex Sareyan or Dave McAllester for further instructions. If this procedure is not followed, you may have to be personally responsible for such fees as you may incur...Before leaving on VACATION, you should advise assistant director and obtain furlough papers.... BE PROMPT TO MEALS. By straggling in late, you seriously hamper employees in charge of dining rooms and others likewise employed in completing their schedules on time....

"INCIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE": Al Schiavino's wife Betty, presented him with a baby boy. The "gift beyond compare" arrived on the 30th of March....Bud Duncan is in an expectant mood. - - You see, his wife is due to arrive in town today....The Cullers are breaking up house. Don't get us wrong, for all evidence still indicates that they're "that way" about each other. All we wanted to say was that as a result of Helen's return to Cleveland next week, Dr. Culler will be making a return appearance at the Attendant's Home....

SOME DATES WORTH NOTING: On Wed. evening, April 12th several members of the unit are presenting a repeat performance of the vaudeville show given last month. Several revisions have been made in the program which will get underway promptly at 7:30pm.... On Friday evening, April 14th, Irene Pickard is scheduled to visit the unit and talk with interested men. We are informed that she is one of the best informed people in this country on Quakerism. She has lived most of her life in London, Geneva and Washington and has entertained such people as Ghandi, Nehru as well as other leading political figures....On April 19th, Sam Grand is scheduled to give an illustrated talk on Jewish Humor....

UNCLASSIFIED: Sam Grand advises that he has received a supply of matzo for the use of all Jewish men in the unit who would care to partake. If you know of any patients who would appreciate same, please see Sam....A report of the proceedings of the recent Springfield conference is posted on the bb. Abe Goldstein assumed a major role in the conference as a discussion leader....Dick & Barbara Thomas are wondering if there are any bike owners willing to rent their machines when not in use. Incidentally, this office would be willing to serve as a clearing center for people who would be willing to rent their bikes when not in use...RECOMMENDED READING - "Why didn't we sell the Philippines to Japan?" - - "Scenes from the work of the National Committee for Conscientious Objectors" - Prospectus of proposed School of Community Living at Trenton, N.D. - all posted on bb.

DON'T FORGET...VOTE FOR UNIT COUNCIL!

Alex Sareyan

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If you're in the market for an interesting and highly worthwhile program, do not, by any means miss tonight's session with Burr Overstreet in the classroom at the Attendant's Home. Mr. Overstreet is on the Wesleyan faculty, has traveled extensively in the far east, has made a special point of specializing in the far east and has a remarkable command of his subject. He appeared before a large and enthusiastic group of employees last winter. His subject this evening will be, TOWARD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN. The program will begin at 8:15 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Two other dates to bear in mind: on Tues. evening, May 9th, the Unit Advisory Council will meet at 7:30 pm in the classroom; and on Thursday evening, May 11th at the same time, Leslie Heath who has been in charge of AFSC relief work in North Africa will be on hand for an informal chat. This meeting should be of particular interest to those men who are interested in the field ~~fax~~ of foreign service.....

FROM PHILADELPHIA comes word that Lou Schneider, former director of the Elktion Camp is now in the front office as Paul Furnas' executive assistant...Also that Woodrow Pickering of Concord nosed out Charley Fisher in the contest for district representative....Paul French recently reported that the Appropriations Committee in Congress is planning to remove the authorization for pay from the bill. (I presume ~~that~~ he is referring to that oft quoted but impotent phrase in the Selective Service Act authorizing pay for men in cps.)...General Hershey continues to express concern over the cps dependency situation but as usual, no action is forthcoming. Efforts are being made to divert frozen funds for dependency needs....Latest unofficial reports are that Paul French will probably continue in his present position....

RECOMMENDED READING FOR THIS WEEK: Our mailbag has been unusually heavy with bulletins, pamphlets, literature and assorted propaganda this week. We have word that the Art and Literary Issue and the Art and Reconstruction issue of THE COMPASS are about to be released. details consult bb....The Nat'l Committee for food for the small democracies is publicizing an ingenious scheme for feeding the children of Europe. For particulars, please visit the classroom. OUTCASTS- the story of America's treatment of her Japanese American minority appears to be a well-documented, account of this problem. Caleb Foote, the author seems to have prepared a thorough and relating presentation. It too may be found on the special table. current literature in the classroom...You cannot afford to miss in the pamphlet entitled THE RACES OF MANKIND. It was authored by Ruth Benedict and Gene Weffish, both of Columbia Univ. Anthropol Dept't and sponsored by the Amer. Assn of Scientific Workers. This booklet is to overcome racial ~~xxxxxx~~ prejudice. Incidentally, this booklet which was banned from USO centers because it contained from an intelligence survey indicating that certain northern whites scored higher than certain southern whites....Until such time as inducted, Warren Kunkel has offered his services in the Puerto Rico theater tickets.~~xxxx~~Drop him a line at 142 W. 13th St., N.Y.C. IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL AT REDUCED PRICES, Dwight Culler has 3rd art uniforms....Jim Griffith is bemoaning the loss of his catalogues. Who'll come to the rescue?...The Puerto Rico market for a physicist. See bb. for details...For an important meat from COMMUNITY SERVICE, INC. please consult classroom. haven't visited Clarence Morrison's unit book emporium yet. your must list. Alex Sareyan (because of space shortage, no admonitions this week!)

May 16, 1944

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A DATE FOR SATURDAY NIGHT: We have been invited by the Hartford ~~Comin~~
 ary Peace Fellowship to attend a small informal party and dance at the
 Hartford Seminary, Saturday evening, May 20th at 8 p'clock. The party
 will be held in Hosmer Hall, the Men's Dorm. For those who can plan to
 stay overnight, there will be an opportunity to do so, provided we can
 let them know by Thursday of this week. It is important that all who
 would like to attend this affair, notify, McAllester, myself or sign
 on the sheet provided in the classroom, no later than Thursday noon....

On the peacetime conscription issue, 46 out of 74 men contacted expresse
 opinions. 27 felt that the Service committee should help formulate a
 clause providing exemption for c.o.'s; 19 said, "no". On the question
 as to whether the historic peace churches should offer to administer
 alternative service for co's, 16 said "okay," while 29 remarked, "nothin'
 doing"!....THIS WEEK'S INFORMATION reports the formation of a cps mental
 hygiene movement. For statement of purpose and details, refer to the
 classroom....BY THE WAY, have you visited the classroom lately? Unless
 you make a weekly visit, it is quite likely that you will miss important
 announcements.

INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE: The Bromers are bound for Cooperstown, the
 home of baseball, and incidentally, the headquarters of CPS #12 where
 Dick will be located for a few months, after which time, he may return
 to Middletown....All of that feverish correspondence that has been
 emanating from Al Wilson's busy typewriter can't have been connected
 with the pay issue. Else, how explain the fact that he is scheduled
 to say "I do" on May 27th....If Bill Gessner appears to be "out of
 this world" in the next two weeks, don't judge him too harshly. We
 can't say from personal experience, but from a purely objective view,
 his symptoms seem to be typical of a chap who is scheduled to make a
 trip to the altar on June 4th....

According to a communication just thrust into our hands, the firm of
 Hoffman and Haines have available for immediate disposal, copies of
 the May Day Call at a nickel per. First come, first served. Hurry -
 Hurry - Hurry!....The Norwich Unit has offered 12 volunteers for the
 Jaundice Experiments now being conducted by Dr. Paul and Capt. Haven
 Incidentally, in a recent newsletter from the AFSC, it is reported
 Howard Wriggins of the overseas AFSC staff came down with jaundice in
 Cairo. ...F.S. He recovered in about a month's time....MORE VOCATION
 TESTS are on hand at Dave McLelland's office for scoring...Speaking
 tests reminds us that the results for some men are now available.
 men will be so notified, as will others as soon as theris are ready....

OCCUPATIONAL ABSTRACTS is the title of a page of available literature
 on about 75 different occupations. The material offered is in the
 nature of concise summaries of available literature. For particula
 consult the bb....ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE INTERESTED IN GARDENING A
 PLOT this summer? If so, please turn in your name by Friday of thi
 week....The Phila. office has received inquiries from certain orga
 tions who can employ cps men while they are on vacation. Such op
 tunities will be posted as received....THE FARE ~~KNEX~~BETWEEN MERID
 MIDD LETOWN has been reduced to 25¢. Transfers are also now iss
 and accepted on this line...TOMORROW EVENING AT 9:30, the Choral
 will hold its weekly session in the basemat of the Amusement Hall
 you enjoy singing, here is your opportunity to exercise those
 Alex Sareyan

May 21, 1944

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ON THE BULLETIN BOARD: various statements of policy: Friends CPS policy; the Friends' policy on dependency and procedure on dependency cases;.... Friends Committee on National Legislation;... Mennonite CPS policy;.... some comments in a letter from Charles Boss concerning the Methodist conference at Kansas City with some Methodist pacifist propaganda....News-letters and publications: The Castaner Newsletter from Puerto Rico,...the AFSC Newsletter,....."A Line..." from Byberry, looks like their Epistle, the Mar-Apr "Seed" from Coshocton;...Personnel News, giving the dope on a guinea-pig opening and jobs as laboratory aide and occupational therapist;..."Viewpoint", a CPS forum put out by the Brethren Service Committee announcement of correspondence school on the administration of cooperation through the School of Cooperative Living....

ALSO ON BULLETIN BOARD: Educational Secretary's Newsletter and the newsletter of the Friends committee on national legislation concerning food for Europe, post war military policy and other pertinent matters.....

NOTA BENE!

If it's not on the bulletin board don't give up, it will be in that welter of material on the three little tables just under the board.

FIRE SALE: one uniform coat, size 40, in magnificent condition, for only \$ 2.50, cash on the nose, no questions asked, first come first catchum.

HOUSEKEEPING JOB FOR CPS WIFE: such is the abject condition to which employers are reduced, a CPS wife who is interested may do part-time housekeeping, the hours to suit her convenience, and she will be called for and returned by car. Sounds as though she might be able to name her wages too! See Pauline Mathes if interested.

FRIENDS CENTER AND CIVILIAN SERVICE CENTER: those who have taken advantage of the hospitality of the New York Friends or who plan to, are advised that the Center (at 144 East 20th Street, near Gamercy Park) is going on a summer schedule. It will be open Monday, Thursday, and Friday; Tuesday and Wednesday nights the building will be closed.

THE "PINK BOOK": it contains information on special service projects, up to date. It will be kept in the office available to all for consultation. It contains brochures on Orlando, Smoke Jumping, et al, describing the type of unit, the work, the conditions, opportunities for wives etc.

THE COMPASS which started off as the Campton Paper and with the dispersal of Campton diffused in its turn and now calls itself "The All CPS Magazine" has an Art and Literary Issue out. Draws its material from all over CPS. A few copies at \$.25 each, will be available shortly.

IN THE UNIT LIBRARY: TWO books by Porter Sargent, a collection of poems called "spoils" and a series of moral admonitions of an unconventional kind called "The New Immoralities."

SINGERS the group meets Wednesday night at 9:30 in amusement hall.

GARDENING: the ground has been prepared just northeast of Nor's hospital. The best plan for using it so far is to divide it up into as many plots as there are applications by Next Wednesday. If you haven't signed up see McAllester before Wednesday.

COUNCIL MEETING: Monday evening May 22 at 7:15 in the classroom.

Dave McAllester

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F.O.R. VOTES TO WITHDRAW FROM NSBRO according to item in June 1st issue of INFORMATION....As a result of an informal party recently tendered by the Orlando, Florida Unit for the senior class at the local colored high school, pressure has been brought to bear on the unit by certain elements in the local community to either conform to prevailing social practice or else "to get out". A meeting of the CPS ~~xxxx~~ racial committee is being convened to investigate and recommend AFSC action.... The 1st issue of THE ATTENDANT, an 8 pg. monthly magazine of the Mental Hygiene Program of the Civilian Public Service will be published early next week. "The long range aspect of the above program is getting into action with the preparation of up-to date briefs of all different state laws governing mental institutions and practices in related fields." The committee is being supported by the Nat'l Committee on Mental Hygiene. CPS men interested in cooperating with this program should communicate with Harold Barton of the Phila. State Hospital....

THE WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE, THE METROPOLITAN BOARD FOR C.O.'S AND THE PLOWSHARE PRESS are now located at 5 Beckman St., New York City.... Letters are no longer necessary to Phila. in the case of men who wish to transfer or make application for transfer to special units or projects. A special form has been prepared. If interested, please contact cps office (local)....THIRD SELECTIVE SERVICE ADMINISTERED CAMP was opened on May 18th at Germfask, Michigan. The first publication from that camp, GERMFASK GI indicates that good administrative relationships prevail and that no special disciplinary aspects of the new camp have appeared as yet....An opening for a qualified field and laboratory assistant is available in an unannounced special project. Consult bb for details. So much literature of one sort or another is pouring into the office these days, that if you are anxious to keep in touch with developments, you should consult the classroom at least once a week. Material will be filed or removed from bb after it has been available for a week. The Unit has recently received copies of WAR AND EDUCATION by Porter Sargent and SEARCHLIGHT ON PEACE PLANS by Wynner & Lloyd. Persons interested in borrowing either book please contact the office.

THE ARTS & LITERARY number of THE COMPASS is now available for sale. Copies may be secured at 25¢ from the office...From "somewhere in New York", Al Wilson writes, "We are still very happy"....Unit felicitations were forwarded to Bill Gessner last week on the occasion of his nuptial tie....STRAYED: two fountain pens, one belonging to Sam Grand and last seen in the Employees' Home; the other, a streamlined affair formerly attached to Dick Sterne and last seen in the vicinity of the cps office. Men having commitments to the Loan Fund are asked to try to settle same so that others may take advantage of its resources when in need... ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AT SIX, all members of the unit are cordially invited to join in a devotional program in the classroom....In order that the bb may be kept current, as well as neat and orderly, all persons having notices which they wish to have posted are asked to turn them over to the cps office....RECENT ARRIVALS IN THE UNIT are Ralph Hallowell of Elkton, Oregon and Ted Donovan of Wells Tannery...The CHS CPS AA is now beginning to function. If you, (your wife, also) are interested in playing tennis, baseball, or softball with patients, please indicate your interests on sheet provided in classroom....IF YOU HAVE NOT YET HAD THE RESULTS OF YOUR STRONG TEST INTERPRETED TO YOU, please call at your earliest convenience, or better yet, arrange an appointment with either McAllester or myself...Next Council meeting, June 12th - 7:15pm. Unit Social program will be discussed. Also agenda for unit meeting.

Alex Sareyan
P.S. Have just received word that Ben Ross' father passed away this am. A message of sympathy from the unit has been sent.

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EPISTLE #55 to Cps Unit #81-confidential

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UNIT ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet tonight at 7:15 pm. Agenda includes report from Friendless Patient Com. and report on recent Conn. cps adm. conference. Results of recent questionnaire on allowance requirements will also be presented...**HELP WANTED!** I've been asked to notify men who have been tabulating Strong tests at Wesleyan that another batch of tests is now ready...On tap in cps office are several openings for part time jobs. One in particular requires a night man for a two week period in August. The only time required is about an hour a day except Sundays, when about three hours will do the trick...There is a 1 day job for this week. The rate of pay is good and the job can be completed within a day...The indefatigable Walt Johns is now residing in the infirmary, apparently wrestling with jaundice...(no visitors please!) Unit sympathies were extended to Ted Harburg last week on the occasion of his father's death....**REUNION** IN EVERETT-Dave McAllester and Susan are together again and carefree in the throes of vacation time. Until Dave returns about July 16, Bernie Gross will be pinch-hitting for him on the SCRIBE and in the cps office...Will the following men call at the cps office at their earliest convenience for the results on their Strong vocational interest test: Beondo, Hansen, Fox, Hyder, Johnston, Korn, MacPherson, Parma n, Rand, S. Smith, Thomas....

The Unit's distinguished raconteur, SAM GRAND will give a talk on JEWISH CHRISTIAN RELATIONS AS REFLECTED IN HUMOR on Friday evening at 7:15pm. Refreshments will be served...**WATCH FOR DETAILS** on Unit picnic scheduled for Saturday, July 1st...Men visiting New York and desiring overnight accommodations are invited by Phil Meighan to stop at the Harlem Ashram, 2013 5th Ave., N.Y. Might be well to drop a line beforehand...**VACATION OPPORTUNITIES** at practically next to nothing may be available for the asking. Most of these are offers to share private summer resort facilities. See me if interested...An all-cps directory is in the offing. Consult bb for prospectus...**COMPILATION OF A UNIT DIRECTORY** is underway and should be completed within a few weeks.

Two new educational programs are being groomed by the AFSC. One is a **SCHOOL FOR EDUCATION**; the other, a **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE**. Consult bb for details...The August symposium in the ATTENDANT will be on Patients' Leisure time activities. The deadline for submitting material is July 15th. **BE SURE TO VISIT THE CLASSROOM THIS WEEK**. Several important items have been received by our incoming propaganda dep't. Among those particularly recommended are the following: (1) The lowdown on Germfask, the newest of the gov't camps - (2) An NSB prepared summary of attempts to get pay and compensation for cps - (3) An up to date resume of C.O.'s and the Civil Service, also prepared by the research staff of the NSB - (4) Theodore Walser's challenging reply to Robert Bellaire's Collier article, "Christianity Must Go," Says Japan - (5) **THE VOICE OF THY BROTHER'S BLOOD**, a pamphlet from the Jewish Peace Fellowship (6) The latest issue of **RETORT**, a quarterly of social philosophy and the arts, of particular interest to the intelligentsia of cps - (7) The June issue of **WORLD ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER** and (8) others too numerous to mention, but nevertheless worth your while.

Chuck Durand, formerly of Trenton, N.D. has taken up residence with the unit...**RECORD ENTHUSIASTS, PLEASE NOTE** - If you have any albums of waltzes, semi-classics or selections from popular musicals or operettas, and would care to loan them under carefully controlled conditions, will you please get in touch with me...**DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC** - Sat. July 1st

Alex Sareyan

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EPISTLE #56^b to CPS Unit #81 - confidential!

July 6, 1944



ONCE UPON A TIME, our propaganda division had a relatively simple task, in the distribution of bulletins, letters, pamphlets, epistles and miscellaneous documents to the unit constituency. But that was in the early days of the unit's existence. But now with 75 men in the unit, frequent moving of quarters in both the Employees' Home and Attendant's Home, etc., it has been increasingly difficult to keep tabs on "who is quartered where". In order to facilitate the distribution of the above material and insure that only members of the unit receive same, it is requested that each person in the unit place his name on the card hanging on the outer doorknob of his room. IN THE FUTURE, EPISTLES, ETC. WILL ONLY BE DELIVERED TO ROOMS WHICH CAN READILY BE IDENTIFIED IN THE ABOVE MANNER.

On Monday evening, July 10th at 7:30 pm in the classroom, there will be a meeting of all men interested in the proposal concerning the organization of a Civilian Public Service Union on both a national and local level. The local committee sponsoring this meeting announces that "a copy of the tentative constitution, together with a statement of purposes and objectives, is posted on the bb. All members of the unit are invited to participate in the discussion of the proposal and the organization of a Middletown local".

The Unit Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday evening, July 11th at 7:30 pm. The agenda will be chiefly concerned with the preparation of an agenda for a general unit meeting and such other business as may come before the council. Please note that all members of the unit are always welcome at council meetings and should feel no hesitancy about putting in an appearance.

On Thursday evening, July 13th, there will be a "double bill" scheduled for the classroom, beginning at 7:30pm. For the first part of the program, Sam Grand, will hold forth with an illustrated discourse on "Jewish Christian Relations as reflected in humor". After a brief intermission, Ben Ross, a connoisseur of "hot jazz" will present an illustrated talk on the development of modern jazz, - with the emphasis on illustrations.

Sometime during the following week, we have received word that Dr. Walter Van Kirk of the Federal Council of Churches is planning to visit the unit for a two day stay. More details on that later...Please refer to the bb. for an important communication from Bob Beach, Ass't Dir. of the Pennhurst Unit relating to transfer deals on Rex Corkman's application for that unit. It seems that Corkman's connection with the Chicago conference is being held against him by SS. A conference is scheduled with SS and AFSC to iron out problem....

Dave Swift has announced that he plans to leave his present job in the AFSC office and return to a camp or special unit about Sept. 1st as a regular assignee. For Dave's complete statement, please refer to the bb.

I'm extremely anxious to get hold of an album of the music from the show, "Oklahoma". If anyone knows where I might borrow same, I would be grateful...Charley Fisher is anxiously waiting for returns on the questionnaire circulated in the unit on the matter of cps opinion on AFSC administration of CPS in 1945....That's it for now.

Alex Sareyan

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EPISTLE # 57 to CPS UNIT #81 - confidential!

July 13, 1944

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TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT when Sam Grand takes to the platform to give forth with an informal discourse on "Jewish-Christian Relations as Reflected in Humor". On the occasion of Sam's last appearance on the unit lecture platform, he "laid 'em in the aisles". Sam will get underway with his talk at 7:30 pm in the classroom. About 8:15 pm there will be a short intermission scheduled during which time refreshments (sans the usual crullers) will be served. Then it will be Ben Ross' turn to move up front and conduct those present on an illustrated tour of the world of jazz. As Ben serves up each "platter" he will offer a few words of interpolation.

STILL IN THE AIR is the question pertaining to voting rights of cps men in the forthcoming state and national elections. In response to a recent inquiry directed from this office, the Phila. office has replied that "many states in the union have established procedures whereby registered civilians can vote by absentee ballot if it is necessary for them to be away from home because of employment or other valid reasons at election time." According to the July 1st issue of THE REPORTER (not yet available for distribution), the NSBRO advises each man who wants to vote to write his own local Election Commission or to discover what the situation is.

HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE! Another choice excerpt from the aforementioned journal relates that men in cps requesting army service are no longer given emergency furlough from the time they apply but are immediately referred to the nearest local board for a preinduction physical. If they pass, they may then apply for emergency furlough... Those who fail are to be returned to their old CPS camp. "The standards for induction into the armed forces and for separation from CPS are not the same, SS points out".

Have just received word that Dr. Walter Van Kirk has had to postpone his visit to Middletown until sometime during the week of August 5th.. Morris Milgrim, Nat'l Sec. of the Worker's Defense League plans to be in Middletown August 1st & 2nd. Meetings with him will be scheduled for both evenings... Monday evening, July 17th at 7:30 pm, will be the time for the next meeting of unit members interested in the C.P.S. Union. Latest report indicates that 17 men have affiliated with the new organization... Reverend Alexander Stewart of the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church is planning to visit the unit on August 1 8th at which time he hopes to meet with all Methodist men in the unit... The CPS Personnel Office announces openings for a sanitary engineer and a nutrition experiment slated for Rochester. Ministerial students are preferred for the latter since it will be possible for them to carry on studies thru facilities of Rochester Divinity School... Complaints still being registered that the N.Y. Times disappears from the 1st floor ~~xxxx~~sitting room in Attend. Home before all have seen it. DO NOT REMOVE N.Y. TIMES FROM ITS INTENDED LOCATION The hoe and rake have disappeared from the classroom. Anyone having info regarding same please contact me... NOTE FROM THE PATIENTS' FRIEND CPS men or wives who would like to give their time to aiding our work a re welcome... Gift suggestions for female patients needed... The P.F. collector will be around to see you soon. For extra copies of recent P.F. report, see Bernie Gross or cps office.

Alex Sareyan

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July 18, 1944

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CopyEPISTLE #58 - To Cps unit #81 - confidential!

As we go to press this balmy July afternoon, there are at least half a dozen items about to break into print. Keep an eye peeled for the next issue....As stated in our previous editions, copies of the Epistle and other items of propaganda, etc intended for distribution to the unit will be distributed henceforth to only those rooms and apartments in both Attendant's Home and the Employees' Home, - the occupants of which are identified by name on their doors. If you have not already taken care of this matter, please do so at once.

According to figures released at last evening's meeting of the C.P.S.U. a total of 30 unit men are now affiliated with the organization. Balloting is now taking place for the officers. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Monday evening, July 24th at 7:30pm. There was posted on the bb last evening, one of the best statements issued on the aims and purposes of the Union.

Huston Westover of the Special Projects Division of the AFSC is scheduled to arrive this afternoon for a two-day routine visit. Anyone wishing to see Huston on a particular concern may get in touch with the office or look him up in the Attendant's Home.

THIS EVENING AT 7:30 PM in the classroom, the members of the PFC (The Patients' Friends Committee) will convene to discuss new developments and to plan the work of the coming month. EVERYONE is welcome to attend and participate.

According to a memo from Lou Schneider, Ass't Exec. Dir. of the AFSC CPS office, the majority of the men at Coshocton have requested that the administration of the camp be turned over to Selective Service. For a fuller report, refer to the bb....For an excellent summary of the "Strength and Weakness of the Pacifist Position as Seen by American Philosophers" by George W. Hartmann be sure and visit the basement reading room of the Attendant's Home.

I have been asked to obtain the names of any unit members who wish to give a pint of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank on its next visit to Middletown. Will volunteers please get in touch with Dave McA. (yup, he's back on the job again) or Alex Sareyan...

JUST FOR THE RECORD, here are some statistics, which may be of interest On Dec. 31, 1939 there were 225 male employees and 297 female employees working and assigned to the ward services at the C.S.H. On June 30th of this year, these numbers had dwindled to 135 and 145 respectively. Deducting the number of cps men and wives working on ward services from the June 30th figures, we have left, 70 and 130 employees respectively.

Unit members wishing to participate in a cooperative purchasing plan for oranges are asked to contact Marvin Susman or Bernie Gross, soon! Dick Sterne has commissioned Dave McA. to dispose of a dozen or so records which run the gamut from Ferde Grofe to Straus and Wagner. See bb. for listing and prices...Billie Lou Reedy and Enid Johnston have joined the "downtown" club. We're sorry to see them go, but wish ~~xxxx~~ them luck in their new environment...

Alex Sareyan

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EPISTLE # 59 - To CPS Unit # 81 - confidential.

July 31, 1945

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NOTICE: MORRIS MILGRAM executive secretary of the Worker's Defense League will speak to the Unit Tuesday night, Aug. 1st. As one of the foremost figures in the U.S. in the fight for civil liberties, Milgram is too good to miss. That's Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Wednesday night at 7:30 he will speak at Downey House on "Unpopular Issues in the Presidential Campaign".

Patients' Friends Meet TONIGHT - the PFC will wrap another batch of gifts for patients in the classroom from 7 to 9:30 this evening. This is the session planned for Tues. but canceled to avoid a conflict. Everyone is welcome and NEEDED! Come early and bring your scissors.

VAN KIRK - Next Monday, Aug. 7, another notable speaker, Dr. Walter Van Kirk, exec. sec'y. of the Committee on International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches. He will speak in a meeting open to all employees at 8 p.m. in the Nurse's Home. He will be available for bull sessions after the talk and will save the morning of Tues. Aug 8, for personal interviews and informal sessions with CPS men. His subject is the Church's plans for a just and durable peace and he ought to know!

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

Notice - Rip Van Winkle: Harlan Smith's plan at Big Flats for keeping up with the news thru cooperative reading... Paul French's letter: his thoughts on 4th anniversary in Washington... Memo from Jim Mullin: giving his prison visiting schedule and offering to take messages etc. for anyone who writes in before Aug. 14th... AFSC Newsletter: full of oddments... Literature of the JACL: Japanese American Citizens League... Copy of Senator Bridges Speech in Congressional Record... CPS Relief memorandum: CPS men raising money for relief in stricken areas -- see Vincent Whitney for the August and September plans... Pacifist Research Bureau: order-list of publications to date... Socialist Party: Notification of State Conference, Aug. 6th to petition for Thomas and Hoopes names to go on ballot... Letter of Friends Committee on National Legislation: treats of the Starnes rider, c.o. dependency, Socialist platform, the Fair Employment Practice Committee, the Congressional Recess...

ALSO

Report by Ross Sanderson of the poll of men in our district on CPS administration's continuance... Letter from Ray Newton on post-war conscription... Educational Sec'y's Newsletters: no. 1's 27 and 28 and an outline of a session given recently at Big Flats called "Pacifism in the Western World"... ATTENDANT communique: please note -- the subject for the September issue, and the deadline, August 15, all contributions eagerly sought after... Memo from Lou Schneider concerning outside work for pay (he's for it)

BLOOD DONORS: any more men interested see McAllester by Aug 1st.

BLUE UNIFORM: coat size 38 for immediate disposal, vest free.

INFORMATION: a few copies of July 6th and 21st issues in classroom.

PSYCHOLOGY OF SEX: by Havelock Ellis. Goree had it, now who has it?

Dave Smith wants it back.

Dave McAllester

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CONCERNING RATION BOOKS: We have been informed that 42 men and about 10 wives apparently have no ration books or did not know that they should be handed in to the business office while you are eating at the hospital. Arrangements are being made with the board in town to get books for all men who do not have them. Will those who do have them bring them in to the CPS office at once so we can check the owners off our list and send them on to the business office?

CPS MENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

As most of you know, THE ATTENDANT is produced cooperatively by CPS men in mental hospitals. It is only a part of the program of research and collation of material which needs help from as many sources as possible. In a very real sense it is our chance to contribute something of lasting value to all mental hospitals out of our experience here. If you are interested in helping with this work please see McAllester soon. An outline of the material to be collected and a summary of procedure are in the office. See b.b. for their statement.

VOTING PRIVILEGES: A message from Mr. Imrie indicates that our situation is to be handled like that of civilians who happen to be out of their home states. If your state has an absentee ballot you can vote.

CPS LITERATURE: If you are keeping a file or for any reason want to be on a preferred list for receiving copies of INFORMATION, THE REPORTER ET AL, when we have only a few, let us know.

CALL FROM THE F.O.R.

A delegation plans to visit the Representatives from this district, while they are home to request them to press for a "statement of peace aims and the ending of the war." Miss Bryant of the F.O.R. will call back in a few days to find out if any CPS men wish to be included in the delegation. Let McA. or Gross know soon if you are interested.

DR. WALTER VAN KIRK

Don't forget! Tomorrow (Monday the 7th) night at 8 p.m., Dr. Van Kirk will speak at the Nurses Home on the Church's plans for a Just and Durable Peace. He will be here from the Federal Council of Churches of America for the purpose of visiting the CPS Unit. His talk has been made open to all employees. After 9 or 9:15 he will come over to the Attendants Home for an informal bull session with CPS men (and wives) and he will be available for more informal talks and for personal interviews all of Tuesday morning.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD: Note from Lou Schneider: statement of the Peace Churches concerning the recent rulings on men going 1-A or 1-AO.... General Letter from Paul French: containing excerpts of letters from men who have gone 1-AO... two more offers of hospitality to CPS men.. PERSONNEL NEWS: three more pages of special service openings... Personnel Memorandum: a bibliography of vocational literature...

LOST: one green Watermans lead pencil. Please return to Marvin Sussman.
GOOD GOODS; a covert cloth coat - Ray Hanson would like to dicker with a prospective buyer.

Dave McAllester

N.B. Don't miss Van Kirk! 8 p.m. Monday, (tomorrow) night.

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DEMOBILIZATION: We've all been wondering what was going on in Philly about it.... Information has arrived. On the bulletin board you will find a letter from Dave Swift about obtaining the necessary information about CPS for intelligent action. Also Research Bulletin # 6 from Gordon Alderfer outlining 1) Omission of CPS Men from Gov't. Postwar Benefits and RE-employment Laws and Regulations, 2) SSS Memoranda to Local Boards, 3) Pattern of Legislation and Attitude of Congress, 4) Postwar benefits for veterans, 5) Plans of the Peace Church Agencies. Also:

Paul French's General Letter # 87 of Aug. 8, which discusses the current rumors in Washington about the end of the war.

NOTE, in Paul French's letter: the boost he gives to the CPS Mental Hygiene Program... "...one of the most important developments of CPS"... We are having our meeting to begin work in this movement Tuesday night, Aug. 15, in two short sessions. The first, for men who get off duty early, is at 8:15 and the second is for a little after 9:30. Don't fail to come to one of these sessions and find out what you can do to help make a permanent contribution to mental institutions.

OTHER MATTERS ON OR AROUND THE BULLETIN BOARD: John Judkyn's Journal: describing conditions in a number of hostels for bomb refugees in England... AFSC Newsletter: containing among other things a discussion of the Philadelphia Transit strike... More vacation opportunities in a letter from Dave Swift... Educational Newsletter with bibliography on race question, discussion of jobs of a service type open for CPS wives, and notes on the evolution of c.o. provisions in the S.T. and S. Act of 1940... AFSC memo 461: on the review of administrative personnel in camps, units and the Philadelphia office.

Extra copies of Fellowship, The Reporter, Information, on the class room table under b.b. If you're looking for some to complete your files maybe these are the ones...

DELEGATION TO REPRESENTATIVES: two men have asked to be on list to accompany local FOR to visit Representatives and press for a "statement of peace aims and the ending of the war." Are there any more?

A note from "Jaundice Johns": Both tennis courts are in good playing condition and invite you all (et ux) to avail yourselves of their hospitality. If you'd like to borrow racquets, balls, or shoes, see Walt Johns. (Tennis nets are kept in shed in rear of South Hosp. and in closet under center stairs of Nurses Home.)

ARE THERE PERSONS interested in renting 2 bicycles to Fred and Pauline Mathes for Sept. 10 - 22 ?? Please reveal yourselves if any. Excellent care guaranteed.

VISIT BY ALEXANDER STEWART of Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church, will be Friday, the 18th. He will be around for bull sessions and is particularly interested to meet any Methodists there may be handy.

Dave McAllester

Ithaca reclaimed its Ulysses, CSH has got back its Sareyan.

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EPISTLE #62 - To CPS Unit #81

August 17, 1944



TONIGHT - According to a call this afternoon from Paul Reynolds, Phil Mayer is visiting town and would welcome an opportunity to talk with men of the unit, and their wives. He is the originator of the Walden Round Robin Fellowship, is a writer in the religious scientific field, is well acquainted with the Doukoubour sect, reads poetry - Vachel Lindsay, and is an interesting talker. Transportation will be provided for all those interested in attending an informal discussion with him this evening at the home of the Reynolds. Meet at 7:15 p.m. on the east veranda of the Attendant's Home if you wish to go.

TOMORROW - Friday, August 18 - Rev. Alexander Stewart, of the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church, will be visiting at Middletown (as previously announced in the Epistle). He is particularly interested in visiting with all Methodist men in the unit. In the evening, at 8 p.m. he will be in the classroom to talk with anyone interested (including non-Methodists). Don't forget - 8 p.m.!

TUESDAY EVENING - Unit Meeting - This should be an especially interesting meeting. Dr. Yerbury has been invited to attend the meeting, and has accepted the invitation. There will be a number of matters of unit concern reported on and discussed at this meeting.

The meeting will begin at 8:15 p.m. Please be prompt. After 9:30 the meeting will be reviewed for the benefit of those who will be coming off duty. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Dr. Yerbury will probably still be around at that time, and there should be an excellent opportunity for us all to get acquainted.

We have obtained permission to have a third man placed on unit overhead in the CPS office. Dave McAllester has attended Personnel Secretaries' School, and will carry on in that capacity. We must choose another man to serve as Educational Secretary of the unit. Until the third man is chosen, Bernie Cross will carry on in the office where he has been substituting during vacation times.

MUSIC PROGRAM - For the past two days from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. we have been sending a program of recorded music over the hospital amplifying system. This program will continue for about a week. At the end of that time a permanent program may be inaugurated if the response of patients is favorable. YOU can help by observing the reaction of patients on your ward and reporting to us regarding it before this week is over. Also, encourage your patients to write their opinion of the program right away to "The Melody Man", c/o The Superintendent's office.

G'bye now.

Alex Sareyan

Half of the questionnaires have been returned to us. Try to get yours in to us as soon as possible so that we can begin to prepare the results for you!

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A REMINDER that you've a date tonight with the unit. We're meeting at 7:45pm on the button in the classroom. There will be a very brief business meeting during which time the question of choosing an educational director will be on the docket for action. There will be a short report from the Patients' Friends Committee; a few moments will be reserved for discussion of the unit budget and progress questionnaires now circulating in the unit. Dr. Yerbury will be on hand but since he will have to leave about 9:15 the rest of the program of the available time will be turned over to him. (There will be another unit meeting called within two weeks so that any problems not brought up this evening may be deferred until that time.). PLEASE BE ON HAND PROMPTLY so that we may make the best use of the limited time.

WORTH LOOKING INTO is "The Gist", - A Peace Digest", - a new publication designed "for those pacifists and non-pacifists who have no time for long articles. It is a digest of books, speeches, and articles, and etc." Needless to say, all have some bearing on one subject, PEACE. A copy has been placed in the reading room of the Attendant's home... Another piece of recommended reading is a compilation of unsolicited manuscripts on the future of cps by men in cps. This item is in the classroom... The Aug. 1st issue of the bulletin issued by the Friends' Committee on Nat'l Legislation contains an excellent comparative summary of the platforms of the two major parties.... Those interested in the literary movement in cps should refer to an announcement about THE WALDPORT POEMS on the bb.... Many other provocative and worthwhile pamphlets and literature have recently been placed in the classroom. Why not make it a habit to visit the classroom at least once a week and browse around

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CPS FRONT: Are you planning to engage in some kind of work in or in connection with the organized labor movement after the war. If so, please refer to F.O.R. bulletin on INDUSTRIAL PROJECT on the bb.... ARE YOU CONTEMPLATING LOCATING IN CALIFORNIA after the war. If so, the Northern Calif. Service Bd has an announcement which will interest you. They are organizing a job referral program for such cps men and would like to have ~~thems~~ such men register with them now. Registration forms are in the classroom... A number of cps men interested in organizing a cps "useful art" special study camp have prepared a detailed prospectus, a copy of which is on the bb... The men for the Rochester "Divinity Study" group have been selected and list is posted... Phila. announces a possible opening for a Ph. D. in organic chem. at Mass. Gen'l..

OF LOCAL INTEREST. Fred Mathes wants to know if there is anyone in the unit to whom he promised a copy of THE FALL OF CHRISTIANITY who is still sans a copy... Sometime ago, Marburg loaned someone a copy of THE IRON MAN by Burlingame. Was it you? If so, the "Professor" would like to see your hand... We've just received word of the death of Miss Gustafson's brother. You will recall, she is one of the librarians at Wesleyan... a very good friend of the unit.... Deller sends greetings and incidentally has thrown on the counter for immediate disposal, two complete white uniforms. Come in and name your own price... Arden Goree writes that he is now settled in one of Glendora's many spike camps. By the way, anyone interested in purchasing a blue uniform, slightly used may have same - reasonable. It was formerly, Goree's... That deliriously happy look in Beondo Joe's eyes means his fiancée will soon be here to join him. The wedding bells will be ringing in November... DON'T FORGET, MEETING TONIGHT - 7:45 pm s h a r p!
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EPISTLE #63^r to CPS UNIT #81 . A1

August 23, 1944

UNIT DECISION ON PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR: At last evening's unit meeting, it was the consensus of opinion that opportunity should be given to all persons interested in applying for position of unit educational secretary to submit their names for consideration by the unit in a preferential ballot. All such applications should be in the hands of McAllister ~~by~~ or Sareyan by Sunday evening, August 27th. Each application should ~~include~~ include a brief statement of qualifications and such other data that may be helpful in evaluating the candidate's suitability for the job. Applications may be submitted by either the candidates themselves or others interested in espousing their candidacy.

The list of such candidates will then be compiled and forwarded to the unit for final decision. The ballot will contain a brief summary of the qualifications of each of the candidates.

It was mentioned at the meeting that the person chosen for this position should be an individual who can give competent leadership to overall educational and recreational program of the unit; should be someone who is interested in such broad programs as the CPS mental hygiene program and can coordinate such activity within the unit framework. He should be someone who can effectively pinch-hit for the ass't director or personnel secretary as the case may be. It would be most helpful if he were proficient with the use of office equipment.

PROGRESS QUESTIONNAIRES: At last night's meeting, it was also decided that a committee should be selected to study the questionnaires now being circulated in the unit, particularly the ~~2~~ tabulated results when they are all in with the view of making such recommendations on unit policy and action as the results may dictate, to a special unit meeting which will be called early in September. The assistant director was instructed to appoint a committee of 5 persons to carry through this assignment. It was also suggested that Dave McAllister chair this committee. The following persons are asked to serve on this committee: Dwight Culler, John Rand, Marvin Sussman and Frank Wherry. ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT YET TURNED IN THEIR PROGRESS QUESTIONNAIRES ARE URGED TO DO SO AT ONCE.

SOCIAL CHATTER AND TID BITS: We're very happy to welcome Dave McAllister's mother to our midst. We understand she'll be around for several days....General Hershey & Company feel they can use Larry Deller's services elsewhere so have officially tendered him an "invitation" to KA-O status....Paul Illick's "walking papers" to Bowie, Maryland cps unit are expected momentarily, - he hopes.... As an aftermath of last evening's refreshments, it is reported that an anti-Moxie movement is sweeping the unit....Word has just come in that Selective Service is seriously considering taking over the Coshocton camp....For a complete summary of arguments, pro and con for FOR participation in NSERO your attention is called to a bulletin in the classroom....For official statement of policy and action on review of AFSC CPS administrative personnel, please consult bb....IT'S FAMILY NITE TONIGHT AT THE C.P.S.U. - 7:30pm.

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VIC OLSON PAYS A VISIT: To most of the unit, Vic Olson's visit is no longer news. So that there may be no misunderstanding concerning his surprise stopover on the hill, it might be wise to summarize briefly the gist of our conversation and the ostensible purpose of his visit.

After a few polite exchanges, Olson with his characteristic blunt manner plunged into the matter which had brought him to Middletown. He remarked that SS had been receiving some disturbing reports about the C.P.S.U. movement. He went on to say that the Mennonites, Brethern and some other elements in the historic peace church group had expressed concern about the C.P.S.U., - particularly as it might effect the delicate subject of p.r., that perennial boogey of cps. He expressed complete ignorance of the real objectives of the cpsu program and confessed he could see no reason why there should be such a n organization in cps. I explained the broad objectives of the movement to him, using the prospectus issued by the national organizing committee as the basis of my statements. I emphasized the post war aspects of the movement and pointed out that it represented another effort of the men who did not see eye to eye with the historic peace churches in the administration of cps to get together and seek a ~~common~~ solution of their problems through channels already established. At the conclusion of our discussion, he appeared to be much reassured about the direction and purposes of the cpsu.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO "JAUN-DICE" EXPERIMENT: That's not too bad for an amateur. But that's beside the point. Major Havens reports that the jaundice experiment which draws to a close on Tuesday of this week has been most helpful in their search for knowledge about infectious hepatitis. But further study and corroboration of evidence already obtained is necessary so that plans are being laid for getting another group of volunteers to participate in a second experiment. Those in this second group of guinea pigs will be subject to conditions identical to those impose upon the first group. If you are interested in joining the second group, will you please contact your "epistle dashin" a.d. or McAllester as soon as possible, if not sooner.

MEN WANTED: There are 7 openings at Alexian Bros Hospital for men interested in pursuing specialized relief and reconstruction study. Those in this group may have opportunity for post war relief work... The Philadelphia office announces another opportunity is available for men who wish to take advantage of School of Community Living study group now in session at Trenton, N.D....A special study project for cps men interested in post war teaching is being organized at the Brethern cps camp at Bedford, Virginia....For details on above, consult bb.

LOCAL STUFF: And now, it's Don MacPherson who is announcing that within a few weeks, there'll be a Missus in the family. - Who's next on the list of those "going to the front"...Tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock and every Sunday at that time, there will be a silent, non-denominational religious meeting in the classroom. If there is sufficient interest, a similar program may be scheduled for Sunday mornings.

Alex Sareyan

Educational sec, applications must be in by tomorrow evening.

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September 8, 1944

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LINE FORMS TO THE RIGHT: As our hotly contested local campaign for educational secretary approaches a climax, here's a bit of news to cheer the candidates who will wind up in positions #2, 3, and 4 in the final tally. It has been announced within the past few days that the Service Committees are anxious to find a way to provide personnel, educational, dependency and demobilization services to those men desiring same in gov't camps. They therefore feel that it ~~will~~ would be desirable to place in each gov't camp an assignee who would volunteer to there as educational and personnel secretary. Details are still in the preliminary stages but men interested in applying for this position are requested to contact Adrian Gory of the Phila. office as soon as possible... (Well, Al what do you know about that?)

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THE UNIT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11th, WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:30 pm. Take a gander at the agenda listed below and you'll see the reason why.

1. Resume of jaundice experiment just concluded in the unit by Major Havens. (approx 15 minutes) Incidentally in the current issue of the American Medical Journal there is a technical article by the Major on the subject.
2. Suffrage for cps wives working at C.S.H. in unit affairs.
3. Announcement of Ed. Sec. election results
4. Report of Patients' Friends Committee
5. Procedure for reviewing office of assistant director
6. Preliminary report of progress questionnaire committee
7. Nomination of unit candidates to be considered by AFSC in appointing successor to Dave Swift.
8. Proposal submitted by Mr. Exman suggesting arrangement whereby unit members will be able to avail themselves of use of his home at Noromis.
9. Proposal for selecting someone other than a.d. to chair future unit meetings.
10. Demobilization questionnaire

CHIT CHAT: Thanks to the Steinels, the assets of the Loan Fund have increased from \$40 to \$49.35. This fund is available for short term loans to all members of the unit. No co-signers required!.... Have you heard that Corbett Bishop has a t long last, walked out of cps camp?.... Several people have in-quired about the possibility of putting on another variety or vaudeville type of program for the patients. And why not? If the idea appeals to you, please get in touch with Sarcyan or McAlloster.... GOSH, we almost forgot to tell, or have you heard that it was a baby boy at the Heaths.... Warren Kunkel who is now at Camp Wheeler writes: "The toughest part of cps was the feeling of wasting one's time... As for the business of killin - war itself, there is no longer a conflict that worries me. There remains of course, the persisting life conflict between idealism and practical urgency, but the two can be integrated with a growth concept... Give my best to the men in the unit. I miss them very much."

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EPISTLE #66 to CPS UNIT , A1

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IF YOU MISSED THE UNIT MEETING Monday evening, a trip to the classroom is decidedly in order. Minutes of that important meeting have been posted. Another important meeting is slated for Monday evening, September 18th at 7:30 pm. At that time, the committee appointed at the last meeting to study and make recommendations to the unit on the procedure for election of assistant director and a proposal that unit business meetings become part of the local cpsu will make their report to the unit. The recommendations of this committee will be the major business of the evening. It is also expected that Sam Grand, -the people's choice for educational secretary - will make his first public appearance.....sorry, but Sam tells me that a prior engagement out of town precludes his appearance at that time. But Sam will definitely be on hand in the classroom on the following Monday evening, Sept. 25th at 7:30 pm at which time he will discuss the significance of the coming Jewish holidays. During the course of his informal talk Sam will play records of some of the traditional chants.

All of which reminds us that the unit is in receipt of several books and pamphlets sent by the Jewish Peace Fellowship and which are now on display in the basement reading room in the Attendant's Home. The books include, "Harvest in the Desert" - dealing with Palestine; "Prayers of the Jewish Advance"; "A Golden Treasury of Jewish Literature"; and "The Making of the Modern Jew". The pamphlets are part of a series entitled "Popular Studies in Judaism and include the following: "Jewish Ethics", "What is the Talmud", The Social Outlook of Modern Judaism, The Faith & Message of the Prophets, and The Jewish Holidays, and a reprint entitled, - To Be or Not to Be a Jew by M. Steinberg.

The large group of people who expressed an interest in working at the Hartford Settlement House project will have an opportunity to learn more details of the center tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm when Miss Yeomans, Director of project will be on hand. The meeting will take place as usual in the classroom. Here is an opportunity, not only to earn some pocket money but to dig in on the problems of racial conflict and juvenile delinquency.

The bulletin board contains announcements of two proposed study units; one for men interested in social work; the other is a second call for a special religious study group similar to the one recently announced for Rochester.

CHIT CHAT: The tabulation of the progress questionnaires is nearly completed and will be posted within a short time....Ruth Dingman, supervisor of women's cps hospital units and Lisle Crawford, editor of INFORMATION have announced their engagement....When MacPherson returns to the hill, it'll be as a married man....Clark and Houser intimate that they have been looking in vain for opponents worthy of matching them in a game of table tennis...By the way, Bob Clark passes along the information that he may be able to purchase seconds on Arrow or Van Heusen shirts @ \$1.75. If you're in the market, Clark's the man to see....Adrian Gory, AFSC CPS personnel coordinator paid a flying visit to the hospital this morning. He gave some rather encouraging reports on demobilization plans now cooking in Philly....

Alex Sarcyan

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September 18, 1944



THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT: Tonight's unit meeting will probably be one of the most significant in unit history. As reported in the last edition of the epistle, the agenda will be concerned with a committed report on recommendations for the procedure for electing an assistant director and a proposal for merger of regular unit business meetings with the local cpsu....Meeting is scheduled for usual place at 7:30pm.

ONE TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON: It has been announced that details are now being cleared for the holding of a major, one-day mental hospital unit conference in Washington on October 26. The plan is to invite a representative group numbering 30 to 40 which will include state officials, superintendents, ass't directors, agency representatives, U.S. Public Health Service officials, officials from SS, mental hygiene program advisers. It is estimated that AFSC units will be representatives and include at least 2 ass't directors and 2 superintendents. The tentative agenda will have three-fold purpose of 1) endeavoring to improve and increase significance of our work in institutions between now and end of the war; 2) explain and examine the mental hygiene program in the light of perpetuating its constructive services and work of cps men; and 3) discussion of administrative changes now necessary as well as the problems of replacement due to increasing labor supply and DEMOBILIZATION (caps, ours)....The last such conference was held in June, 1943. You may recall that it was at that session that the ground was prepared for an increase in basic allowance from \$2.50 to \$15.00....I'm not suggesting anything, merely pointing out an historical fact. You draw your own conclusions.

JUST OFF THOSE PARTY SLIPPERS: The unit social calendar is looking up again. A unit social and musicale is in the works for Thursday evening September 28th, while on the same date in October a Halloween dance is in the making. Watch these columns for details.

NEW MANAGEMENT: The tenuous parlor in the basement social room of the Attendant's Home is now being presided over by Signor John Swiatkowski. Your patronage is solicited by the maestro who has generously offered his services on a gratis basis. We should hasten to add that ~~nominal~~ nominal fees will be acceptable. Appointments are now being booked. Your next.

THE D.Q.'S: We mean, the demobilization questionnaires: if you have received yours, come into the office and get a set; if you have a set the sooner we get it, - - the sooner it may pay dividends. Who knows?

ODDS AND ENDS: Consult the bb for the following openings in the Puerto Rico unit: lab worker, accountant and housekeeper and cook....RATION BOOKS have been received for the following men and turned over to the business office: Parman, Ritz, Ricklefs, Thomas, Beondo, Clark, E. Fisher, Hanson, Hoffman, Leeds, Ross, the bros. Swiatkowski....For some authoritative dope on post war peace plans "L'Affaire Bulgare" be sure and read the Sept. 13th issue of HUMAN EVENTS AND SUPPLEMENT. You'll find this informative and enlightening newsletter in the classroom each week....From our incoming literature department we have received advice that the Winter Issue of the PUBLIC OPINION QUARTERLY has arrived and is available for your enlightenment....Jack Neher of Powellsville is scheduled to join the unit on Sep't. 22nd...The next cpsu meeting is booked for Friday evening.

P.S. The person who lost a wrist watch in A.W. Washroom may reclaim it from AS

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ACTION TAKEN BY UNIT MEETING OF SEP'T. 18th: About 25 men were in hand for the meeting. Following are proposals adopted by these present: (See bulletin board for minutes and detailed report.)

- (1) That a committee be appointed to investigate the proposal that matters of unit business and policy be taken up at local cpsu meetings in lieu of regular unit meetings. The committee was charged with the responsibility of presenting a specific plan for the merger and was directed to report to the unit after election for unit representative (formerly, known as ass't director) has taken place. The following are asked to serve on this committee: D. Culler, chmn, G. Brown, L. Parman, R. Clark, and J. Swiatkowski.
- (2) That the functions of the assistant director, with the exception of that of representing the Service Committee to the Unit be delegated to a unit chosen official to be known as Unit Representative.
- (3) That a Corresponding secretary be chosen by Dr. Yerbury on the basis of skill and ability to prepare, dispatch and otherwise handle all unit records and reports required by administrative agencies, etc., and also to edit the Scribe.
- (4) That all applicants for position of unit representative should submit their applications together with the names of 5 sponsors and that the election proceed in the same manner as that employed in electing unit ed. sec. (It is suggested that such applications be submitted in sealed envelopes to the cps office.) It was decided that September 25th should be deadline for unit rep. applications and that the ass't director should appoint balloting committee. The following men are asked to serve on this committee: Harry Ludwig, chmn, J. Rand, J. Haines, A. Goldstein and W. Stillwell.
- (5) That the action taken by the meeting be submitted to the unit ~~xxxxxx~~ for approval on the ballot for unit representative. (This was defined as referring to items above, 1, 2, and 3.)

For some time, various opinions have been rendered on the attitude of the unit towards withdrawal of the AFSC from cps administration. Such polls as have been taken have been variously interpreted. Much of the prevailing confusion on this question is due to the fact that all questionnaires thus far taken on this issue have been couched in broad and or qualifying phrases, thus rendering the results, highly academic. Feeling that it might help to clarify for the time being, the unit position on this matter, I have taken the initiative of again polling the unit on this subject. Only this time, I have tried to phrase the question in such a way as to obtain as realistic an answer as possible, unencumbered by conditions and the usual qualifications so freely offered by cps men. Briefly stated, the question posed is: - Do you believe that the Service committee should withdraw from the administration of this unit at the present time? As soon as the poll is completed, the results will be published....I expect to be in Phila. after CPS exec. meeting this week and to visit AFSC citadel on S. 12th st... All persons seeking business with Sam Grand, ed sec., are directed to 12c (3rd floor center) of Attend. Home, Sam's new abode and office.

Alex Sareyan

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September 28, 1944

YOUR MOVE: Dave McAllester's eleventh hour withdrawal from the contest for Unit Representative left Rowland Watts as the only remaining candidate for the office. As a result the Ballot Committee was called into emergency session last evening by its chairman, Harry Ludwig. It was decided that rather than submit but one candidate for the office, opportunity should be given to the unit to enter the names of additional nominees. Sunday evening, October 1st was established as the closing time for such names to be submitted and it was recommended that nominating petitions be turned over to the ass't director. The committee desired to emphasize the fact that such petitions did not have to be initiated by candidates for the position but could be offered by sponsors. The ballots will be distributed October 2nd and the polls will close on Monday evening, October 9th at 7:30pm. Ballots will also be mailed to all men on furlough or leave to their homes or such other address as they may be reached at provided the office is so notified.

TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE: 52% of the unit membership said the AFSC should stay put at present as far as administration of this unit was concerned; 42% felt that Furnas & Co. should sever official connections with the unit; 4% refrained from expressing an opinion; while 2% could not be reached....It should be noted that ~~only~~ 5 men who favored AFSC operation felt that they would seek transfer to another unit should the adm. be tossed into the lap of Hershey, Kosch, Imirie & Co; 9 remarked that they didn't know what they would do in such an eventuality while the remaining 23 men in this group said they would stick it out regardless of the management.

THE MOVE IS ON: First it was Dave Swift who announced intentions to return to the grass roots from the AFSC CPS citadel; then along came Howard McGaw, assignee member of the educational staff to join Dave. And now, we hear Huston Westover has said, "me too". Westover's resignation takes effect Nov. 15th. Any men interested in applying for his job should consult bb for details. Oct. 1st is deadline for applications. Incidentally, Huston told us that the reason for his move was predicated on feeling that AFSC should withdraw from CPS adm.

LET'S MOVE ON: A foreign service training unit is getting underway at the U. of Minn. in conjunction with a nutrition experiment. Please consult bb for details and if interested contact cps office. All applicants will be personally interviewed by Dir. of Unit who expects to be in this vicinity about Oct. 7th...Consult classroom for important bulletin on post war educational plans and possibilities for cps men - Momo #19 - 9/15/44)...A downtown bookstore is looking for a cps wife who would like to work parttime. Consult McAllester...Larry Deller is now stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas - mod. corps...Hospital employees are collecting funds with which to purchase Xmas gifts for employees in service, - incl. Deller and Kunkel. If you wish to contribute, however small, please see Sareyan...Ken Morgan of the CPS Educational office may be visiting unit this week-end...WANTED - 4 men, willing to participate in dance routine for vaudeville program for patients...Lee Duncan's friends will be glad to learn that she has pulled through her crisis at the hospital and is expected to be back in her home in New Jersey soon.

UNIT MUSICALE AND SOCIAL - the time TONIGHT AT 7:30PM - the place - in the basement of THE AMUSEMENT HALL. As for the details; dancing, entertainment and refreshments. Also meet other people of the unit on social informal basis. IT'S YOUR MOVE!

Alex Sareyan

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THE PEOPLES' CHOICE: When the ballots were tallied last evening for Unit Representative, there remained no doubt as to how the Unit felt on filling the post. Out of 63 ballots received Rowland Watts garnered a tidy 47; Thomas picked up 8 votes while Gleiser trailed along with 6 first choices. On two of the ballots, no choices were registered. Only 9 men refrained from voting in the election. In the referendum the proposals that the office of A.D. be abolished and that of UNIT REPRESENTATIVE be established and that a corresponding secretary be appointed to dispatch reports and assist with the publication of THE SCRIBE were accepted with substantial majorities. On the former question 42 expressed favor with the proposal, 17 said no while 4 declined to register an opinion; while on the latter, 44 said yes, 13, no, and 6 ignored the proposal...At the moment it appears as though Rowland will formally assume office Thursday morning.

After "long and earnest discussion, the Board of the AFSC decided on October 4th to continue in the administration of cps. The board qualified its decision with a proviso that withdrawal might be considered in the light of radical changes in the 1945 war situation." It should be noted that the decision was not a unanimous one. Consult bb for statement on this from Rufus Jones and Clarence Pickett...It has been pronounced that the Nat'l Conference of the Mental Hospital Program will take place in Phila. on Oct. 27th and 28th. See Oct. 6th issue of INFORMATION for details...In his latest letter, Paul French ventures the opinion that it will be Jan. 1st, 1948 before the last man in cps is demobilized.

Howard McGaw's resignation from the education office in Philadelphia has created another vacancy for an aspiring assignee. Refer to the bb for a detailed prospectus. All applications and nominations must be in by October 23rd...Applications are now being received for the Disciple of Christ Unit which has just been approved for mental hospital at Logansport, Indiana...From November 1-5th incl., the AFSC is holding a conference on the Post-War responsibilities of the Society of Friends, at Richmond, Indiana. It is hoped that there will be representatives from the various cps units and camps. Consult the bb. for details.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE IS ON. As was the case last year, contributions made through the unit are being designated for the Middletown Family Welfare Ass'n. If you are interested in making a cash contrib. or giving a pledge, please see Sareyan....Tomorrow evening at the Methodist Church, Prof. J.J. O'Leary will present a lecture on "Post War Economic Problems" in the series on Int'l Collaboration...Miss Henry of Wesleyan Library just phoned and said that she was of the opinion that all members of the unit, (wives, too) who had been in the State at least 12 months and 6 months in Middletown would be eligible to vote in the national election next month. Registration days are October 14th and 21st. If you do not have absentee ballot privileges and come within above requirements, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY...Nat Hoffman is offering for sale, (asking price, 90¢) a ticket to Busch & Berkin's violin piano duo at Bushnell Auditorium, Sun., Oct. 23 -3pm...Frank Olmstead is scheduled to visit unit next Wed. evening, Oct. 18th..

This will probably be my last opportunity to reach all of you in this way. I want to thank you all for having made my assignment an enjoyable one. As a unit we have reason to be proud of our record, and I'm sure that under Rowland's capable leadership and your continued cooperation, we will be able to point with continued pride at our achievements.

Alex Sareyan

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October 14, 1944

Community Calendar

- Today, 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. - Register to vote, if you have been here a year and are not voting in your home state. City Hall, Main Street.
- Sunday, Oct. 15, 7:30 P.M. - Norman Thomas & Jasper McLevy at Broad Street Auditorium, Hartford Public High School, Broad St. and Farmington Ave., Hartford.
- 8:00 P.M. - Sen. John A. Danaher speaks at a forum, "92" Theatre, Wesleyan Campus.
- Wed., Oct. 18, 7:30 P.M. - Frank Olmstead, Field Secretary of WRL discusses, "CPS, the Past, Present, and Future." Classroom, Attendants Home (See Educational Secretary's notes below)
- 8:00 P.M. - Prof. R.F. Bischoff on "Treatment of Defeated Peoples" in International Collaboration series at Methodist Church. (Reported for the record but Olmstead is the man to hear.)
- Sat., Oct. 21, 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. - LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER. City Hall.

CPS Opportunities: (See Bulletin Board for info, McAllester for application)

- 1) Educational Secretary for Minneapolis project; but you better hurry.
- 2) Second Guinea Pig project on Jaundice; starts here soon.

Educational Secretary's notes: Frank Olmstead's presentation on Wednesday evening of his impressions and convictions on CPS should prove especially interesting. As Field Secretary of the War Resisters League, he has visited as many camps, units, and COs in prison as any person in or out of the CPS system....Hallowe'en Party: Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the Party. Bachelors should invite their lady friends, husbands on the hill with wives in town should make it a date for Saturday evening, October 28th, at 7:30, in the Amusement Hall. Married couples on the hill, come out and spark. Present indication are that about twelve feminine guests from Middletown, New Haven, and Hartford will be present....

Esperanto: See Tom Korn if you are interested in joining a Study Circle.

Found: A three-bladed, pearl-handled knife near Employees Home. See Leeds if it is yours.

Appointment: Dave McAllester has been officially appointed Personnel Secretary by Dr. Yerbury. Congratulations, Dave.

Reflections of an Ex-fireman: Two days on this job are equivalent to a week in the boiler room. You need the patience and diplomacy of a Sareyan to really carry it off. Of course, the a.d. job was an impossible one but I wonder how many of us are aware of the multitude of our personal problems that Alex had with him constantly and how many of them he has managed to resolve. Just the tiny glimpse of them that I have had has left me amazed and a bit aghast. The Unit problems, that loom large before us, are only a fraction of the matters that Alex has been called upon to handle but these problems, too, he has dealt with with patience and persistence. Take a bow, Alex....Now, we are our own boss (subject to some slight restrictions by SS, AFSC, and CSH). I'm here to try to smooth the way. If you will keep me informed of your wishes, I will do my best to bring them about and will keep you informed of developments....This "News of the Unit" is our letter to ourselves. Subject to space limitations, it will contain all non-libelous, mailable opinions submitted. Please make them brief and they will be uncensored.

Rowland Watts

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Community Calendar

Tonight, 7:30 P.M. - Frank Olmstead, Field Secretary of WRL, speaks on "CPS, Past, Present, and Future." Attendants Home. (See Ed. notes below).
 Sat., Oct. 21, 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. - LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER. City Hall, Main Street. (You are eligible if you've been here a year and are not voting in your home state; no tax receipt is necessary.)
 7:30 P.M. - CPSU meeting. Attendants Home. (See Union News below.)
 Wed., Oct. 25, 7:30 P.M. - "State Store Canteen," Patient-Employe Variety Show.
 8:00 P.M. - Final "International Collaboration" forum. Methodist Ch.
 Thu., Oct. 26, 2:00 P.M. - "State Store Canteen." Amusement Hall.
 Sat., Oct. 28, 7:30 P.M. - Halloween Party. Amusement Hall. (See Ed. notes.)

Educational Secretary's notes: With Frank Olmstead tonight will be Ernie Yarrow, a minister who has been very active with NCCO in Washington. The meeting will continue after 9:30 to permit late-shift men to join in the discussion. Let's have a full turnout. Halloween Party: All indications point to a "good time for all" at the Amusement Hall on Sat., Oct. 28th. Social Committee members are making the rounds so let them know if you are coming and they will plan for plenty of refreshments. Those who are inviting feminine guests will please let Sam Grand know if arrangements are desired for overnight accommodations. Wesleyan Courses: If you are planning definitely to "audit" or take courses for credit, see Sam Grand today. All CPS students must be cleared with Dr. Butterfield this week.

Powellsville changes hands: The Friends don't want it and the Government won't have it; so on November 15, Powellsville Camp becomes the Eastern Base Camp of the Menonite Central Committee! All present inmates, except for a basic operations staff, will be transferred to other camps or Special Projects.

Union News. Summary of minutes, Oct. 9:

- 1) Middletown co-op - Barbara Thomas gave report of its development and current drive, urging members to patronize and join if possible.
- 2) Finances - situation discussed, budget committee suggested; action deferred until after GEB meeting on Oct. 14.
- 3) GEB - membership announced, including Nat Hoffman; meeting in New York on Oct. 14 announced to be open to all union members; Hoffman requested to ask GEB to call constitutional convention, to secure permanent address if possible.
- 4) Presidential Campaign - no action taken on requested endorsement of candidate; members were urged to register and vote.
- 5) Men in prison - importance of maintaining personal contacts was emphasized.
- 6) Educational report - by Sam Grand; accepted with vote of appreciation.
- 7) Unit Representative and Educational Secretary - motion passed inviting them to attend and report at weekly Executive Committee and at Union meetings.

CPSU Meeting, Oct. 21. Proposed agenda:

- 1) Reports (a) GEB meeting, by Nat Hoffman and Charles Fisher
 (b) Educational activities, by Sam Grand
 (c) Unit Representative, by Rowland Watts
 (d) Employee-Management committee
- 2) Action on GEB proposal regarding national Union treasury
- 3) Proposal for conference with Dr. Yerbury
- 4) Proposal for letter to prospective assignees to Unit
- 5) Proposal for waiver of dues in case of hardship
- 6) Proposals concerning Personnel and Social Committees of Unit
- 7) Other business
- 8) Good and Welfare; Announcements; Etc.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

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News of the Unit. CFS #81

Saturday, October 28, 1944

Community Calender

Tonight, 7:30 P.M. - HALLOWE'EN PARTY, Amusement Hall

Thursday, Nov. 2, 8 P.M. - "Constants and Variables in Painting," by Bill Steinel, Classroom (See note).

Constants and Variables in Painting - Bill Steinel comments: "Despite the apparent strangeness of the modern period in painting, the basic organization of elements in pictures has a continuous stability. The visions and ideas of artists do change with the changes in contemporary culture, and these aspects of modern painting have forced resistance from popular groups. 'Uninformed opinion is hostile to the unknown.' With illustrations, my purpose is to show some of the common strains that unite the modern with previous periods, as well as some of the ideas that distinguish it as modern."

Sareyan creates job - The noticeable increase in the number of townspeople attending the "State Store Canteen," last Wednesday, was the first tangible result of Alex's efforts in his new position of developing a better understanding of the Hospital in the community which it serves. Unique in CFS, it is believed to be a step forward in public education upon Mental Hygiene problems.

Lost (by Tom Korn) - Anyone who has in his possession, has seen, or knows the whereabouts of a volume entitled, "DICKEN'S DIGEST," or anyone who could give me information concerning the movements of same since July 24th (1944), please contact me in Room 32, West, Attendants Home.

Attendants Home Keys - The Open Door Policy doesn't work. If you leave your room unlocked, take your key with you as the cleaners have instructions to lock all rooms.

Part-time Job Opportunity - If you want a job driving a doctor to New London on Monday (or Tuesday) afternoons and to New Haven on Friday afternoons, see Jack Reedy for information. This job can probably be split by two men.

National Union recognized; U.R. disinvented: AFSC extended a formal invitation to the National CPSU to send a delegate to the Mental Hygiene Conference held in Philadelphia yesterday and today. At last report, George Brown, the elected delegate, was traveling on his own time, at Union expense. Also attending from Middletown was Alex Sareyan as personal guest of AFSC. The invitation to your Unit Representative was withdrawn at the last minute on the grounds that CFS #81 was otherwise adequately represented. Administering conscription seems to dull the edge of courtesy. (Personal opinion of R. Watts).

Unit size increased - While AFSC was seeking our opinion on the advisability of increasing the size of the Unit, SS was officially notifying us that the Unit had been increased by ten men. This brings our quota to 87 men, not counting a possible influx of ten jaundice "guinea pigs," still pending. Efforts are being continued to secure an agreement with the Hospital and AFSCME for use of these men without impairing the position of present and prospective regular employees.

New Arrivals - We belatedly welcome Walter Isard to the Unit. Our newest arrival is M. Powell Lawton. Both of these men are from Powellville; advance guards for the eleven who will be on their way from there in the next few weeks.

Post War Conscription - Watch for special bulletin next week.

Educational Secretary's notes - Crowded out of this report, important news from our Educational Secretary will be in your hands with the next issue.

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Thursday, November 2, 1944

Community Calendar

Tonight, at 8:00 P.M. - * "Constants and Variables in Painting," Talk by Bill Steinel. Classroom. (Please be prompt.)

Fri., Nov. 3, 6:55 P.M. - * Bus leaves for Synagogue Service in Hartford.

Sun., Nov. 5, 7:30 P.M. - Joint Unit and CPSU meeting. Classroom. (See note.)

Tue., Nov. 7, 6:00 A.m. to 8:00 P.M. - Vote! Hubbard School (if you are registered from CSH). Official sample ballot is in Classroom.

Wed., Nov. 8, 7:30 P.M. - Musicales at the George Browns'. Middle Hospital.

(* See Educational Supplement for notes on starred events.)

CPSU and Unit meeting: Alex Sareyan and George Brown will give a report of the Mental Hygiene Conference in Philadelphia last Friday. Other Unit business may be considered. The CPSU agenda includes: (1) Nominations for Officers and Executive Committee, (2) Reports by Educational Secretary and Unit Representative, (3) Report by National Problems Committee on post-war conscription, (4) Action on Presbyterian Hospital request for representative, (5) Other business, (6) Good and Welfare.

Chest X-Rays: All men will be examined in the near future. It is anticipated that these X-ray examinations will include all hospital ward and kitchen employees.

Dental Care: The CPS dentist that we have been long awaiting probably won't come. So, Dr. Yerbury is undertaking to secure a part-time dentist locally. Exact details of amount of care available for us are not as yet available.

Three cheers for the Social Committee for giving us such a nice Hallowe'en Party with so much delicious food. We all had a good time and hope the Committee did, too.

Beondo-Blandenburg: Jean and Joe are joining the best-adjusted group in CPS (or anywhere else, for that matter) when they get married at Richmond Hill on Sunday. Best wishes, and Congratulations for being so smart.

CPS Opportunities: Jaundice - If you must have Jaundice, see Oct. 27th INFORMATION and Personnel Memos P-33 and P-35 in Classroom for details about a new 35 man Unit at University Hospital, Philadelphia. Prospects for the Middletown project are waning for lack of applicants. Timber Stand Improvement Project (Oregon and Washington) - Timber Cruisers, First Aid Attendants, Cooks, and Unit Leaders see Personnel Memo P-34, Classroom. November 15th is deadline for applicants.

Dave Swift's successor: Dave Swift's resignation from the Philadelphia AFSC office became effective November 1st. Succeeding him as Assistant Director of CPS Counseling and Vocational Guidance Program is J. Earle Edwards, 29 year old, Big Flats assignee. Although less than five months in CPS, Earle's varied experience in educational work and as Assistant Director of the AFSC mid-west office seemed to make him the best qualified of the applicants. Further info in Classroom.

U.R. invited: "Your Unit Representative has an invitation, at this writing, to the Directors Conference at Pendle Hill, Nov. 5th to 8th. This is a conference and not a "school" and, as many Unit problems will be considered with opportunities for counter-indoctrination, I am planning to attend unless I hear an uproar of protest. Concerns to be presented should be in CPS office by Friday noon." (Rowland Watts.)

Absentee Ballots for Connecticut: If you are going to be out of the State or too ill to go to the Polls on Tuesday, get an absentee ballot from Mr. Peterson, Town Clerk, City Hall, Main Street.

Read the Educational Supplement to this issue.



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Community Calendar

Tonight - PATIENTS' FRIEND FUND meeting. See special announcement attached.
 Tues., Nov. 14, 7:30 P.M. - UNIT MEETING. Lou Schneider, Assistant Executive Director, CPS section, AFSC. Classroom. (See note.)
 Thur., Nov. 16, 7:30 P.M. - ALLAN KNIGHT CHALMERS speaks on "Political and Social Aspects of Racial Problems." Classroom.
 Sat., Nov. 18, 8:00 P.M. - MIDDLETOWN CO-OP meeting. Report on drive, announcement on store, movie. YMCA, South Green. Everyone welcome.
 Mon., Nov. 20, 7:30 P.M. - JIM FARMER speaks on "Economic and Cultural Aspects of Racial Problems." Classroom.
 (*Starred events are in forum series. See letter reproduced on next page.)

Unit Meeting: The CPS office in Philadelphia is still not clear about our Unit Representative plan and has made no report of administrative change to SS. Lou Schneider will be here Tuesday night to discuss this with us and our whole relationship with AFSC will be considered. It is important that everyone possible attend.

Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate: This form, which you received with your last allowance check, does not apply to us and need not be filed.

Party in New York: If you are going to be in New York on Saturday, November 18, you are invited to a party given by the Jewish Peace Fellowship at Dave Kirk's apartment, Apt. 5A, 72 W. 109th St., at 8:30 P.M. Dave, an ex-CSH-assignee, can probably arrange overnight accommodations if you write in advance.

Co-op Management Course: Course No. 2, leading to an understanding of the management of co-op grocery stores, will be offered soon if sufficient persons are interested to justify the Unit's investment in the \$15 cost. See Wannerstrom or Sussman if you are interested or if you would like to take the first course individually.

Want Ads (free): Sheldon Smith, Room E21, wants (1) Bicycle, in riding or repairable condition, to rent or buy, needed three mornings per week; (2) "An Introduction to (Attic) Greek," by Chase and Schaeffer (Allen & Bacon, 1928), to borrow, rent, or buy.

CPS Opportunities: JAUNDICE in Philadelphia, Personnel Memos P-33, P-35, P-36, in Classroom; applications must be filed immediately. Bed Rest, New York Hospital, P-37 and Pink Book #30, Classroom. Assorted Mental Hospital, Training School, Dairy Farm and Welfare Island openings, P-36, Classroom.

Reading you should find worthwhile: "Humans in Bondage," by Lillian Smith, is excellent background material for the Racial Problems forums (Social Action Pamphlet in Reading Room). "Resume of (Richmond) Conference on Peacetime Military Conscription," gives current Quaker thought on this subject (Information Supplement, Nov. 3rd, in Classroom).

Directors' (and Unit Representative's) Conference: "Much of what was discussed will be re-discussed with Lou Schneider on Tuesday night. Much specific information was given about the Mental Hygiene Program, Educational plans, the future of CPS, Reclassifications (Chances are slim!), Demobilization (Nothing new!), etc., which will be dished out as occasion offers. Much was discussed that should not have been and I was appalled by the way that the virus of paternalism manifests itself in assignee-administrators when the questions of the 'Philosophy of Directing,' and 'Discipline in CPS,' come up. I did not have a very good time and I am afraid my efforts at counter-indoctrination were ineffective." (R. Watts).

REMEMBER OUR STUDENT STRIKES, OUR PEACE PARADES? LEST WE FORGET, IT'S ARMISTICE DAY

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News of the Unit. CFS #81. UNIT MEETING SPECIAL Tuesday, November 14, 1944

Our schedule is crowded; our time is limited; we cannot, in justice, devote an entire evening to discussion of our own administrative problems. As there are many important things to be discussed and DONE, the following agenda and time schedule is suggested for tonight:

- 7:30 P.M. - Unit meets promptly in the Classroom of the Attendants Home.
Report by Committee on proposal to merge Unit business with Union Business meeting.
- 7:45 P.M. - Discussion with Lou Schneider concerning our Unit Representative plan, the relationship between the AFSC and our unit, the possibility of making Middletown a Government Unit, and other possible administrative changes.
- 8:45 P.M. - Conscriptioin - Meeting for work. Bring your typewriters, pens, and paper. Specific suggestions for letters will be offered.
- 9:30 P.M. - Adjournment. Informal discussion with Lou Schneider may follow.
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CONSCRIPTION BULLETIN, No. 1. (Save for future reference.)

Legislative Status: The progress of legislation changes rapidly; no final information is available until too late for effective action. Present indications are that (1) New legislation will be substituted in Committee for pending bills; (2) Neither the Senate Military Affairs Committee (Robert R. Reynolds, Chairman) nor the House Military Affairs Committee (Andrew May, Chairman) will hold hearings upon Conscriptioin until after January 1st; (3) The House Select Committee on Postwar Military Policy (Clifton A. Woodrum, Chairman) will consider a Conscriptioin law NOW but may not hold hearings until later.

What to do now: (1) Study the outline of the May Bill (H.R. 3947) in the classroom as a probably model for the proposed law; (2) Write your present Senators and Representatives (List in classroom); (3) Write the newly-elected Senator or Representative (if you have any); (3) Write your friends and relatives (particularly if they are not pacifists); (4) Write your home town paper; (5) Write to Chairman Woodrum and as many of his committee as possible (particularly those from your own state); (6) Write your official church organization.

Some Suggestions on Letter-writing: (1) Be as brief as possible; (2) Be specific in your arguments (See leaflet attached and other statements in classroom (particularly the Resume of the Friends Richmond Conference); (3) Identify yourself, particularly as a constituent in writing your home Congressmen; (4) If you identify yourself as a pacifist, don't try to be a military analyst; (5) Let the Anti-Conscriptioin Committee know when and to whom you have written.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POSTWAR MILITARY POLICY: (House Office Bldg., Washington)
DEMOCRATS: Clifton A. Woodrum (Va., Chairman), Leo E. Allen (Ill.), Schuyler O. Bland (Va.), Alfred L. Bulwinkle (N.C.), John M. Costello (Cal.), Patrick J. Drewry (Va.), Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.), Warren G. Magnuson (Wn.), A.J. May (Ken.), Matthew J. Merritt (N.Y.), Harry R. Sheppard (Calif.), J. Buell Snyder (Pa.), R. Ewing Thomason (Tex.), Carl D. Vinson (Ga.). REPUBLICANS: W.G. Andrews (N.Y.), Leslie Arends (Ill.), W. Sterling Cole (N.Y.), Melvin Maas (Minn.), William J. Miller (Conn.), James W. Mott (Ore.), D. Lane Powers (N.J.), Dewey Short (Mo.), James W. Wadsworth (N.Y.)

CONGRESS CONVENED TODAY. THE TIME TO WRITE IS NOW!

Bill # 11-2-20-11

NEWS of the Unit. CPS/81.

Thursday, November 16, 1944

Community Calendar

Tonight, at 7:30 P.M. - ALLAN KNIGHT CHAMBERS on "Political and Social Aspects of Racial Problems." Basement, Employees Home. (NOTE change of meeting place)

9:00 P.M. - BALLOTS due for CPSU officers.

Sat., Nov. 18, 8:00 P.M. - MIDDLETOWN CO-OP. YMCA, on the Green.

Mon., Nov. 20, 7:30 P.M. - JIM FARMER on "Economic and Cultural Aspects of Racial Relations." Employees Home.

Tue., Nov. 21, 7:30 P.M. - SKETCH CLASS, for all interested, at the Steinels' apt. #112, Employees Home.

9:00 P.M. - BALLOTS due on Unit business referendum.

Meeting with Schneider. The areas of similarity and difference between the positions of A.d. and U.R. were discussed. It was agreed that many details would have to be worked out in practice, that the important change was a difference in approach through the elimination of possible incompatible responsibility to both the Unit and AFSC. Lou explained that SS had not been notified because AFSC was not clear about the change we wanted. The functions of the AFSC in administering this Unit were discussed along with possible effects of direct Government administration. Friends "ministration" would be welcomed in either case. Poll of the meeting: 4 for, 21 against, AFSC continued administration of Middletown. A poll of the entire unit was authorized. Lou emphasized that AFSC would endeavor to bring about any arrangement we wanted.

Ballots on AFSC withdrawal from Unit. The committee (George Brown, Walter Johns, David McAllester) will issue ballots Nov. 20, which will be due by 9 P.M. Saturday, Nov. 25. See Walter Johns immediately to submit, or help prepare, statement for AFSC continuing administration; George Brown for statement for direct Government administration. All statements must be in U.R.'s hands by noon, Sunday, Nov. 19th.

Ballots on Unit business. The referendum ballot, authorized at the Unit meeting, upon the proposal to authorize the CPSU to transact Unit business is issued today. Read it carefully and cast your vote in the Classroom by 9 P.M. Tuesday. It is your responsibility; your ballot will not be solicited.

Conscription: Report letters written and other suggestions to: Herman Hecker, IW, days; Walter Pearson, IW, nights; Owen Hughes, NH, days; Agnes Steinel, NH, nights; Charles Gleiser, Main Cottage; George Brown or Franklin Wherry, all female Services; Fred Mathes, Employees home; Janet Fox, all wives living off the Hill. HELPFUL READING: "Can you hear us, Philadelphia?" (Gatlinburg Calumet); "Ethics of Conscription," (Pacifica Views); "Official Statement on Conscription," (Friends Richmond Conference). All in basement Reading Room, Attendants Home.

Want Ad. Paul Bartel, C13, Attendants Home, want to borrow or buy a Gregg Shorthand Manual.

Editor's note. Please excuse the appearance of this report. The Editor finds the office typewriter uncooperative and is deferring further items until the next issue. There's nothing else you need to know, today, anyway.

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Community Calendar

Thurs., Nov. 23 - Evening - *Thanksgiving Open House (See below)
 Fri., Nov. 24 - 7:30 p.m. - CPSU meeting, Classroom. Everyone welcome.
 Sat., Nov. 25 - Afternoon - J. PASSMORE ELKINGTON visits (See below)
 Fri., Dec. 1 - 7:00 p.m. - Party in Hartford
 Wed., Dec. 6 - 7:30 p.m. - A. J. MUSTIE meets with Unit, Classroom



Thanksgiving Open House. Mrs. Wilbur Foye and Miss Bessie Gustafson have invited members of the Unit and their wives (if any) to another Thanksgiving Open House at 1 Miles Avenue. Those who went last year report that it was fun. Let Sam Grand M^cAlister know, today, if possible, if you are planning to go.

CPSU Meeting. Proposed agenda includes: Report on "Unit Business" referendum, Reports from Ed. Sec. and U.R., Reports by Occupational Therapy, Conscription, and other committees, Action on Meal Situation, Receiving of credentials of transferred members, Admission of new members, Installation of New Officers, Other business, Good and Welfare.

J. Passmore Elkington. Will visit the Unit this Saturday afternoon and early evening. There will be informal discussion in the Reading Room, Attendants Home, at 4 P.M. On the Board of AFSC, Passmore has spent much time in visiting CPS groups. As a representative of the Philadelphia Quartz Co., he should be of interest to those who are interested in Chemical Engineering.

Party in Hartford. The Fellowship Group of the Hartford Theological Seminary have invited us to another evening of folk and square dancing. There will also be a special film, "Orphan Boy of Vienna," featuring the Vienna Boys' Choir and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. See bb in Reading Room for details and let Sam Grand know if you are going and if you need overnight accommodation.

Lost. Pair of white knitted mittens with flower-design embroidery on backs. If found, please return to Lee Gross.

Jaundice. The new jaundice experiment is definitely getting under way HERE within the next two weeks. Two new men are desperately needed and eight are desired to round out this project. The time has been reduced to three months and travel restrictions have been slightly relieved. See Watts if interested.

Deliverance. We rejoice with John Blackwell upon his receiving ~~X~~ a dependency discharge, although we regret his family's situation which made it necessary.

F.O.R. All members are urged to reply to the recent questionnaire as to whether the Fellowship should withdraw from NSERO. A postcard "Yes" or "No" will do but CPS opinion is needed. Deadline has been extended to December 1st.

Conscription. A full report will be given at CPSU meeting but you are urged to keep acquainted with the Conscription table in the Reading Room and, particularly, to read Vincent Whitney's excellent letter to the Times, November 18th.

Uniforms. Mrs. Nash has asked that you be reminded that, for your own safety, bow ties are required on the wards; that, for neatness and courtesy, a tie must be worn and shoes must be polished.

Children of Bondage. Fay and Rowland Watts would like you to join with them in the pleasure of anticipating their second child next May.

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Community Calendar

Tonight, at 8:00 P.M. - DR. CLARENCE CHATTO speaks on "A Program of Education for Democratic Citizenship." Movie - "I am an American."
Woodrow Wilson High School.

* WILLIAM MUEHL meeting cancelled because of ill-health.

Thur., Nov. 30, 7:30 P.M. - "WHAT IS POETRY" will be discussed by Rev. John Moore (parole patient). Classroom.

Fri., Dec. 1, 7:00 P.M. - FOLK AND SQUARE DANCING, Movie - "Orphan Boy of Vienna" Hartford Theological Seminary. See Reading Room bb for details; let Grand or Clark know, by Wednesday night if possible, if you are planning to go.

Sun., Dec. 3, 6:00 P.M. - MEETING FOR MEDITATION AND SILENT WORSHIP, Classroom

Wed., Dec. 6, 7:30 P.M. - A. J. MUSTE, FOR Executive Secretary, speaks on "The Outlook for Peace." Classroom.

Dates to Remember. Tues., Dec. 12 - Vera M. Dean speaks on, "On the Threshold of World Order;" Sat., Dec. 16 - Unit Christmas Party; Mon., Dec. 18 - Dr. Broadus Mitchell speaks on "The Role of Labor in Future Politics;" Wed., Dec. 27 - Williard Uphaus speaks on "The Church and Labor."

AFSC "Withdrawal" Referendum. Fifteen men have not as yet voted. Tabulation of the results are being delayed until Wednesday night in an effort to get 100% response

Unit Business Referendum. By a vote of 36 to 7, the CPSU was authorized to transact Unit business in accordance with the proposal on the referendum.

AFSC New England Conference will meet in New York this Friday and Saturday. Transportation and hospitality are available for one person. Apply to Watts.

Driver. A very good possibility of an opening for a truck driver is developing at the hospital. Connecticut driver's license is required. Apply to Watts, at once.

Baby. Jane and Paul Illick, formerly of this Unit, now at Bowie, declare their faith in civilization by adding 7lb., 6oz., Pauline Catherine to CPS ranks Nov. 18.

CSH Regulations. You are reminded that you are not permitted to make or receive phone calls on the wards; that outgoing express packages must be delivered to the hospital post office; that smoking is not permitted in the Congregate Dining Room; that occupants of the Attendants Home are not permitted to nail, tack, or paste pictures on the walls.

F.O.R. Members. Mail your opinion of FOR withdrawal from NSBRO by Thursday night. A postcard will do.

Friends Ministerial Project. Young Friends interested in a possible special project at Pendle Hill to prepare for the Friends post-war ministry should see special announcement on Classroom bb.

Jaundice. Two more volunteers must be secured immediately for the project here if full use is to be made of the results of last summer's experiment. See Watts to apply.

Condolence. Our sympathy is extended to Harry Ludwig, whose mother died in Chicago last night after a long illness.

READ AND SAVE THE CONSCRIPTION BULLETIN ON THE OTHER SIDE.

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Community Calendar

- Sun., Dec. 3, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting for meditation and Silent Worship, Classroom.
 7:30 P.M. - Patients Friend Fund Meeting to package and distribute food gifts to South Hospital. Your help is needed. Classroom.
- Wed., Dec. 6, 7:30 P.M. - BROWNE BARR, Minister of South Congregational Church, speaks on, "The Church and Social & Ethical Problems." Classroom.
- Thu., Dec. 7, 7:00 P.M. - General Aptitude Tests, for those interested in checking on their use of their "best" abilities or as an aid in choosing a vocation. It starts promptly and lasts about two hours. Classroom.
- 9:45 P.M. - Second group takes General Aptitude tests. You had better come to one of these sessions. There may not be another.
- (See letter reproduced on next page for December Events but note that Browne Barr is replacing A.J. Muste, who is unable to come.)

Christmas Party. If you were at the Hallowe'en Party, you have probably already put December 16 down as a MUST date. Others better be lining up their best girls for this occasion. If you need a date or have an extra girl around, see Sam Grand.

AFSC Withdrawal Referendum. 81 of the 83 men in the Unit finally voted. 44, or approximately 53% favored withdrawal; 31, or 37%, favored AFSC continuance; and 6 had no opinion. Five indicated that they would seek transfer. The poll in September indicated that 52% were for continuance and 41% were for withdrawal. It seems fair to report that when the polls officially closed last Saturday, 39, or 65%, of the votes cast favored withdrawal; pro-AFSC votes trickled in on personal solicitation.

CPS Opportunities. Laboratory Technician, at Exeter School, R.I., (Mennonite) P-39. Mt. Weather (Brothren), P-40 - Current interest must be reported if you have applied. Conn. Agri. Experimental Station, New Haven (AFSC-Special detail from Cooperstown), P-41. Jaundice (Middletown) - You had better apply immediately if you think this experiment should be made. (Numbers refer to Personnel News, bb in Classroom.)

Rides to New York. Arthur Butts has room for four or five in his car to New York at 4 P.M. Sunday, Dec. 10, returning by 11 A.M., Tuesday. See him in advance to go and share expenses.

NSBRO action on CPSU. In a letter to George Brown, Paul French confirmed the CALL report that SS had requested info on CPSU membership and activities, justified his passing it on as a routine request for information. Lou Schneider, however, states that AFSC "cannot properly undertake an investigation of CPSU activities....has not requested Directors or a.d.'s to provide information about CPSU." Classroom bb.

Saturday night dances. The YMCA has a dance every Saturday night in Hartford for 50¢, from 8 PM. until 11:30. Morrison promises an abundance of worthy femmes.

Folk dancing. A group, under the leadership of Dick Thomas, will meet Friday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 in the Amusement Hall. You are welcome.

Hansen Printing Service. Homer is in the infirmary; hence, please excuse any slight delay in filling your orders.

Read. "Universal Service and America's Future," in the CALL, Dec. 1. It contains statements by Holmes, Flynn, Myers, Schuyler, Villary and (particularly) John Dewey. Conscriptio table, Reading Room. "John Judkin spends the summer in London," a Friends' report in the Classroom.

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Community Calendar

Tonight, at 7:30 P.M. - BRO NE BARR speaks on "The Church, and Social and Educational Problems." Classroom.

Thu., Dec. 7, 7:00 P.M. and 9:45 P.M. - General Aptitudes Tests. Classroom

Fri., Dec. 8, 6:00 P.M. - Folk Dancing. Basement of Employees Home.

Sun., Dec. 10, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting for meditation and Silent Worship. Classroom.

Mon., Dec. 11, 7:30 P.M. - BILL STEINEL on "Modeling by use of Light, Form, and Color," in Sketch Group. Apt. 102, Employees Home.

Tue., Dec. 12, 8:00 P.M. - VERA MICHAEL DEAN, of Foreign Policy Association, speaks on "On the Threshold of World Order." W.W. High Sch. 60¢.

Wed., Dec. 13, 7:30 P.M. - CPSU meeting. Classroom.

Sat., Dec. 16, 7:30 P.M. - PRE-CHRISTMAS PARTY. Amusement Hall.

(As the "Calendar" grows longer, it becomes more of what it was intended to be,--a checklist of events in the unit and in the community that you may be interested in attending. Usually, Wesleyan and Bushnell events are not listed because their announcements are posted.)

Browne Barr. As a good friend of the unit, he is a man we all should know better. His talk, tonight, should be a worthwhile contribution to our thinking upon the place of the Church in the community.

General Aptitudes. These tests attempt to measure your general ability as a guide to you in choosing your occupation. They are not the same as the Strong tests, which determined interests. You can attend either one of the sessions but be prompt and bring a pencil.

Uncensored Opinion. (from Al Wilson) "Since the recent ballot has shown a majority of our unit is in favor of AFSC's withdrawal, I suggest that the minority be graceful and democratic losers by adding their requests to ours that the AFSC respect the wishes of the majority and withdraw. Some men have mentioned the rights of the minority, but are we to be so sensitive to the minority that we adopt minority rule and have a virtual dictatorship by the minority supported AFSC? As C.O.'s, we are a minority but we do not expect respect for our rights to make the majority of our nation boycott the war. Nor should a minority in CPS 81 expect our respect for their rights to go so far as to constitute rule by a minority. There are several hospital units where AFSC supporters can serve but there has never been a hospital unit where supporters of government administration could go. So what do you say, AFSC men? How about being good losers, how about being democratic? Work with us for a government hospital unit here. And stop trying to argue that 44-31 is a close election. It is a clear and substantial majority."

Jaundice in New Haven. Four months, with usual restrictions and a spare time study emphasis in field of Education. (P-42, Classroom bb.) Middle-town Jaundice is still scheduled and could still use more volunteers.

Educational Secretary's notes. Pre-Christmas Party-Sat., Dec. 16th. Calling all single men! Present indications are that about 18 female guests will attend. Have you seen Caleb Foote's analysis of West Coast FOR opinions on conscription and minority problems? The Conscription Scrap Book in Reading Room? Keep up the good fight--write! Community Arts Center is forming permanent organization Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M. EMCA. You are invited if you are interested in singing, folk-dancing, city planning, painting, photography, gardens, music, etc. A.J. Muste will come at a later date; today, he had to attend a very important conscription conference.

See other side for Summary of AFSC new dependency program.

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News of the Unit. CPS # 81.

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- Sun. Dec. 24, 11-12:15 Christmas Eve services at Church of Holy Trinity. That's 11-12:15 P.M. on Main St. across from Bunce's.
- Sun. Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m. Meeting for meditation and silent worship in the classroom.
- Sun. Dec. 24, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Open house at the Foye's for unit.
- Sun. Dec. 24, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Open house in Employee's Home. See below.
- Wed. Dec. 27, 7:30 p.m. Willard Uphaus on "Labor and Religion" in the classroom.

Open House at the Foye's. This Christmas Eve hospitality is being offered by Bessie Gustafsen, our staunch friend at the Olin Library. She lives with Mrs. Foye, a CPS mother, at no. 1 Miles Avenue.

Open House in Employee's Home. Several CPS apartments will be open on Christmas Eve to all CPSers (including friends and relations!) and especially to those in the unit who must spend the holiday weekend "within the confines-." Those couples holding a continuous open house so far are the Masons (Apt. 114, 7-10:30) the Grosses (#111, 7-10:30) the Steinels (#112, 7-9) the Rands (# 109, 7 - 10:30) and the McAllestes (# 108, 9:30 - 11:30). Any other couples wishing to open house on Christmas Eve get in touch with Dave McAllester.

Willard Uphaus. He is the Exec. Director of the National Federation of Religion and Labor. He attended the recent convention of the C.I.O. in Chicago where he organized several joint sessions of labor and religious leaders. Very worthwhile evening for anybody.

Note from Sam: The cooperation and help so generously given in preparations and cleanup at the last social were extremely gratifying. It is a joy to work for and with such a willing group. On behalf of the social committee, our sincere thanks. Incidentally, there are a few vacancies on the social committee. Volunteers should communicate with Charles Fisher or Sam Grand. New Anti-Conscription material in my room. Come see, and keep up the good work!

Lost. An identification bracelet given Mrs. Hardwick of South Wing by her son. Will the CPS man who showed it to McAllester bring it in? It has a blank name plate and is made of metal links.

Loan Fund. Will the ten men who have out \$43.26 of the Loan Fund please think about bringing some of it in? Especially those intransigent souls who have had loans out since April, May and June?

For Sale: 2 gorgeous tuxedos, 37 & 38 long, a brown, blue pin-stripe suit, an overcoat, a record player, an alarm clock. See Ben Ross....

New Address: Pvt. Lawrence Deller # 42123907, Co B. Barracks # 247 MEETS, O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield Missouri.

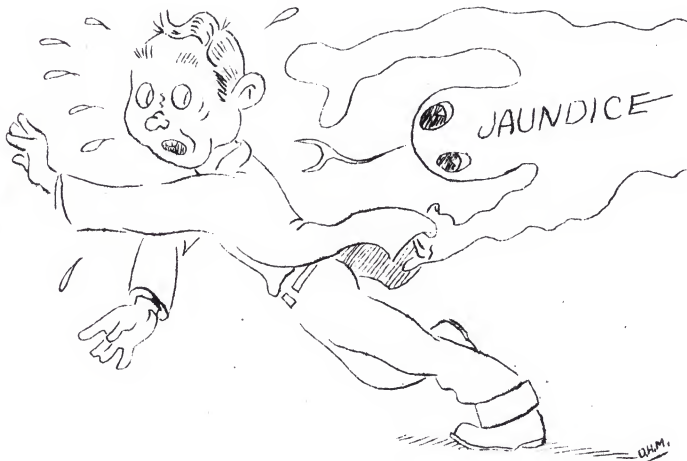
See F.O.R. Newsletter on bulletin board. Statements on conscription, addresses of FOR men in prison and how to send them Christmas cards, suggestions on action concerning the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

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The GUINEA GAZETTE

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NEW HAYEN JAUNDICE has been under way for a month now, and we of the unit consider the time to be ripe for the release of some sort of informative publication dealing with our prehospitalization period. Possibly after our confinement we shall see fit to publish another issue concerned with that essentially different phase of our four-month term. Being fortunate in having the services of two artists in our group, Miller and Stacey, we emphasize the pictorial.

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This is your paper. From time to time, perhaps even daily, we may have occasion to issue our own latest bulletins from the front lines. Any organization you may care to give to this "daily" functional sheet, will be welcomed. For example, contained herein are two items which we dummed up and stencilled for individuals, but which we are including here because we deem them of general interest to the unit as a whole. Further such contributions are solicited.

It is our (by "our", I mean my own, naturally) thought that if any of you care to develop a formal monthly magazine while here, you might use this frequent and informal sheet as a media or testing-ground for your thoughts. Your opportunities are great, almost unique in CFS. Where else can one find: (1) Almost unlimited time for creative activity; (2) Considerations of cost of production almost nil (at present writing, within certain limits, we are prepared to subsidize our unit publications from our Educational Fund); (3) part-time secretarial service in cutting stencils and production?

We have carried the ball thus far. FROM HERE ON IN, IT'S YOUR BABY.

--J.O.S.

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WHAT WE CAME TO STUDY

-- Anon.

The AFSC memorandum assured us that two months of isolation in a cream-walled hotel room could be an invaluable two months for "study and meditation". It is quite natural to assume that eventually we will tire of playing chess games by telephone, moaning over harmonicas, staring out of the window at blossoming magnolias. It is natural to assume that eventually we will want to study.

As yet no one has pulled us to learn exactly what kind of study we had in mind when we allowed ourselves to be hermetically sealed here. But we have on hand a revealing list that throws light on our several interests: the list of books that some men asked to borrow from the Duke U. library.

Oliver Stone asked for a couple of legal case books and Landis' Administrative Process. Bill Ackerman wanted French and German grammars. Dick Waite signed for a textbook of pharmacology and a "Materia medica for nurses". Postaster Ted Lilley wanted several anthologies of British and American verse, Kenneth Patchen's Cloth of the Timber, and the complete works of Browning. Howard T.B. Lutz called for a "standard one-volume history of Sweden". Student of Southamerican affairs, Ralph Smith, signed for a handful of volumes on Bolivian culture by German and Spanish authors. Determined aesthete Henry Sostman wanted a couple novels by Aldous Huxley, Rex Warner's The Wild Goose Chase, a biography of Baudelaire by "any author except Francis Porcha" and a biography of Rimbaud "which places emphasis on the psychiatric aspects of his work and life".

John Byer's miscellaneous needs were Jones' Christ of the Indian Road, Martin Micromiller's God is My Pusher, Runes' Dictionary of Philosophy, Reichenbach's From Copernicus to Einstein, and a book on "pastoral psychiatry". Jim Cassels requested Mumford's The Condition of Man, Hersey's Ball for Adam, and Thomas Wolfe's Look Homeward, Angel. Jerry Edwards wanted Hobbes' Mathematics for the Millin, and Carl Olson called for Richard Wright's Native Son, Nehru's World History, and a Spanish Dictionary. John Eisenhard requested books on Negro-white relations including Gunnar Myrdal's two-volume American Dilemma, and Ralph Moore asked for Emerson's essays.

This reporter spent a provocative hour trying to "type" the men, most of whom he had never met, from the books they asked to read. Jack Burrows would naturally request but one book -- of Carl Sandburg's poems -- for Jack's an orderly, and probably won't have much time to read. But several requests were completely puzzling. Paul Hertzler wanted a book on the life and writings of Spinoza plus a book on model airplane construction. But Morrisett asked for a British government publication ("Report of the Commission on Minister's Powers - 1932"), a book about seapirating, and Aeschylus' Oedipus Rex. Pierce Gault called for Chalmers' Commonplace Prodigal, several volumes of North Carolina state history including Bailey's Grindal Shoals, and the South U.S. Postage Stamp Catalog for 1932-34. Most difficult request of all to

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NEWS NOTES FROM DR. A: 1) Two Red Cross workers from Camp Mackall, Miss Ross and Miss Schiever, will visit this CPS unit on Friday morning, 23 June, for the purpose of instructing any interested guinea pig in the following crafts: clay modeling, basket weaving, pyro-lacung, leather work, model airplane construction, etc. Please see your favorite attendant before Friday morning and tell him of your interests.

2) How many men would be interested in joining up for the next experiment as guinea pigs after a short vacation?

LIBRARY NOTE: The following additions have been made to the camp library from the AFSC. Like the Duke books "they will be here in a few days".

McGregor	The New Testament Basis of Pacifism	Thomas	Quaker Adventures
Kopf	Windows of Life	Fosdick	On Being a Real Person
Abbingtion	Bible Commentary	Miller	Story of Our Church
Kempis	Imitation of Christ	Evans	What Place Religion
Faulkner	Plowman's Folly	Van Dusen	Reality and Religion
Bennett	Christianity and Our World	Lyman	Jesus
Bowie	The Bible	Copeland	Psychology and the Soldier
Jones	Quakers as Pioneers in Social Work	Barton	Story of Near East Relief
Jones, E.S.	Abundant Living	Horton	God
Tittle	The Lord's Prayer	Gandhi	My Appeal to the British
Jones	Woolman's Journal	Blakney	Meister Eckhart
Kierkegaard	Faith and Practice of Quakers	Jones	Christ and Human Suffering
Jones	Purity of Heart	Maritain	Education at the Crossroads
Stoors	Story of George Fox	Franken	Claudia
	Prayer and Worship	Maugham	Pocket Book
		Preston	Psychiatry for the Curious
		Stern	Mental Illness

It is hoped that these books will find many requests. To date we have had only two requests for books from the list taken from the local U.S.O. Library. Any further requests will be gladly filled. It has seemed foolish to bring unwanted U.S.O. titles over to the camp, which means that you will do well to look the U.S.O. lists over again.

"IF YOU ASK ME"

In Mrs. Roosevelt's page, "If you Ask Me", in the June issue of the Ladies Home Journal, the First Lady Answered the question "Why don't the innocent dependents of a conscientious objector who has been called up by his draft board receive an allotment?" Mrs. Roosevelt replied in part: "I am afraid the conscientious objector can make no allotment to his family because he does not become part of the Army. The allotment to families comes from the Army and the man for his result of the service of ious objector is not performing any service for the country. The conscient-

LIGHT LITERATURE DEPT.

The following memoranda from W. Harold Row, of possible interest to men here, have been received, and I will inform anyone interested in the specific contents of each: #257 (Need for Occupational Therapists), #260 (procedure of Transfers to Non-Historic Peace Church Units), and #261 ("Re: Elgin Memo #224 Applicant for Engine and Boiler Room Work, CPS #47, Sykesville, Md." -- position no longer open); #263 (Vacancy for two CPS men, OSRD Project, Manteno, Illinois: One a ward attendant, the other a chemical-technician. In addition there is Memorandum #118 from Harry Newman of

CORNELL PROJECT UNAVAILABLE

FEVER, ICE AND MORALE

To those 18 GPs who like guinea pigging so much that you expressed interest in volunteering for the Cornell experiment studying the relationship of the protein level in the diet to the resistance to cold, the following telegram I received Tuesday from Harold Row is of interest: "Memo 301 placements only on basis of personal interviews being held in next ten days for immediate assignment. Sorry this makes your men ineligible." -OES

LIGHT LITERATURE DEPT.

I am trying to keep you all up to date on all possible letters, memoranda, etc. of interest received here from the various service Committees. With regard to my attempt to get several copies of Brethren memoranda, especially those on Special Service openings, I have the following reply from Keeton of Elgin:

"Because of paper shortage and staff limitations, Harold Row has decided that we cannot put non-BSC units on our regular mailing list. I will hand your letter to him to let him decide whether an exception is in order, and he will write you if he decides so."

From the AFSC I have not yet received the "Pink book on special services", although much of such information is currently duplicated in "INFORMATION", a copy of which is available for each man each issue.

BSC Memoranda received since last issue of GRUNT: #282 from Keeton re "Vocational Information", containing bibliography and Vocational Notes and Readings of the BSC; #293 from Keeton re "Abstract on vocations in bee keeping", a description of what is involved in such work with a bibliography; and #290 from W. Harold Row re: "Openings at Lyons Hospital --- Kitchen Helpers", stating that "These are very attractive positions" and that applications will be considered until July 24th. Anyone interested see me for details. -- o.c.s.222

CURFEW "Some of us like to sleep nights", or so Dr. A. reports various GPs saying. Consequently it is asked that you tone down your conversations and radios, do not mention chess games, to a light roar after 11:00 p.m.

The recent rise in temperature has brought a corresponding rise in spirits, both among members of the medical staff, and among the guinea pigs. The results for which we have all been waiting, with mixed emotions, are making their first appearances in the form of high fevers, loss of appetites, increased demands for ice and back rubs.)

The good doctors rub their hands in anticipation, and a devilish look appears in their eyes as they scan the upward swing on the temperature charts: 100, 100.2, 102, 102.2, upward, upward, onward to a successful experiment----- ORDERLY! --more ice ---will someone rub my back?--no, no, NO!, not food; not even fruit juice-- just leave me alone.!

From the roll ones: -- How are they doc? -- Anybody else get it today? -- Whose next? -- Don't forget the prize for the highest fever!-- Ya got a positive X-ray plate yet?

From the tomfolks-- What's this we hear about them taking fellows out on stretchers?--Nothing to it Mr., we're all still here. --- Yes, but all those trucks that have been pulling up behind the hotel?-- Honest, lady, there ain't a corpus delicti left the buildin'. Them trucks was bringin' in supplies.

And so it goes all day, and the orderlies' voices get louder and louder and his voice hoarser and hoarser.

DE SILVER TINGS LEAD

As we were about to go to press the latest temperature reports came in to reveal that a dark pig, DeSilver, in the last few hours has come forward to take the lead in the race for the highest temperature, nosing out both Duntin and Yoder, who were running neck and neck toward what we were all betting would be a photo finish.

This sudden turn of events is certainly giving the cookies a headache, as everyone is changing his bets. But not this cookie; I'm still putting my money on Yoder. It's the big ones that go the hardest after they once break. --P.W.

WHAT MEMBER of this unit recently asked Keeton for a "Bibliography of the Church of the Brethren"? --o.e.s.

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NOTICES: Do Not Forget to leave your Mail Forwarding Card at the Hotel Desk, and to sign out before leaving Pinohurst.

Before leaving, be sure that you have received your traveling paper from Stone. This consists of a note signed by Theodore J. Abernethy, Major, M.C., and the dates thereon are not necessarily exact as to the length of your leave. With the exception of the seven men who are to remain here during the rest of this week, all Guinea Figs have been granted a two-week period in which to convalesce. It is thought that this period will begin the day after you sign out from here. With one and only one exception, on your fiftieth day away from here you will be carried as on "Travel" to your next unit. In other words, except in the case of this one exception, all men desirous of taking a period of furlough on to this two-week leave will be carried on the books as transferring to their next unit immediately after the two-week leave period, and then their furlough, if any, will follow. The one exception to the above is the case of such of you who are transferring to a unit which does not recognize regular camp furlough (e.g., a mental hospital), in which case I will give you your furlough papers from this unit (1.S., 115) and your travel status will come after your furlough.

So you can see that it is very important that I be able to get in touch with you: both to notify you when and if your transfers come through, and to give you your furlough papers. Then of course there is the little matter of my making sure that you receive a check for your travel expenses based on the rail fare (coach in the daytime, Pullman upper at night) from here to your next unit by the shortest route.

The assumption we must go on is that IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF YOUR TRANSFER BY THE END OF THE TWO WEEKS, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE CAMP WHENCE YOU CAME. It is expected that the transfers will not come through for many of you, and that therefore you will have to return to your camp of origin to await your transfer. So, unless you hear from me to the contrary, return to the camp from which you came when your two-week period is over.

As before, you will be allowed \$3.00 per day for meals and incidentals, whether you spend it or not. Get receipts where ever you travel (especially Pullman receipts) and send them to me. Your express and baggage problems, if any, take to Peter Seitt Olmsted.

AU REVOIR

Most of you will recall that hot afternoon way back in June when we gathered in the music room and outlined the atypical pneumonia experiment in which you (all too quickly, perhaps), were about to participate. You may have had a lot of misgivings about the project then. You may have wondered how you were going to occupy your time or how you could get along with yourself during two months of confinement. You even may have had grave doubts as to the advisability of "Army doctors" experimenting on you. Then, as the isolation lid was clamped down and you found yourself within four walls you may have regretted your step still more. How many of you may have had these feelings, I do not know. Certainly they were not too apparent, and if you had them you conquered them satisfactorily.

Well, it's all over now, boys, school is out. No more blood lettings or daily catechisms, no more gagging throat cultures on an empty stomach, no more of those infernal thermometer-suckings, and for some of you, no more of that damned headache and lung-bursting cough. What a relief did I hear you say? Well, perhaps it's a relief to us too, to get a little break before the next group of assignees arrives. But we will miss you nevertheless, and we hope that you'll be missing us. You've made damned good guinea-pigs, everyone of you, and I don't know where we could have found a finer and a more cooperative and interested group of men anywhere. You can have the assurances of the Commission that by your efforts you have made a significant contribution to science. Good luck to you all and best wishes.

Let us hear from you

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ten days. Primarily its purpose is to transmit information and instructions to you. If any of you want it to be anything more than purely functional it is up to you to take the initiative by supplying us with suggestions and with copy. Within certain limits every man will have to be his own editor; we are prepared to mimeograph whatever you submit, although we shall not always have time to cut the stencils. At your service!

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS Now that I have you officially transferred into this unit, my job is to see to it that you and your camps are reimbursed for your expenses in coming here. The problem is not simple, and in many cases no final settlement can be made until your next CPB destination is known. However, it is desirable now to make an accounting and to repay those of you who have spent your own money in coming here. In general we shall require that your account be based on coach travel daytimes and upper-berth Pullman at nights on the most direct route from your camp to Pinchurst and return. In allowing your accounts we are not so much concerned with obtaining your receipts for such Pullman costs because we understand that the haste with which you were forced to travel often prevented your obtaining reservations or receipts, but we are concerned that you itemize and specify all such costs if you want them allowed in your account. And the burden of finding out what those costs are rests upon you. Compare notes with other men from your unit; maybe they have the information you lack.

Here are a couple of examples of the way in which your accounts must be stated. You will note that you must state the name of the common carrier on which you traveled, and that references to cities or towns must include the state in which they are located. All of your "Miscellaneous" items are to be lumped together under "Meals", for which you are allowed \$3.00 per day. However if the total of such items (including tips, baggage checks, etc.) plus your meals is not adequately covered by this blanket allowance, please make a note of it at the bottom of your account and call it to my attention.

-O.C.S.

<u>Travel Dates</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Transportation Fare</u>	<u>Pullman</u>	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Advances</u>	<u>Balance due</u>
July 30 & Aug. 1.	Doc, J.	Bus (Carpenter's Rapid transit) from Big Flats, N.Y. to Elmira, N.Y. Fullman Elmira N.Y. to N.Y., N.Y.	\$.35					
	D.L.	D.L. & W. RR. Elmira N.Y. to N.Y., N.Y., Penna RR. N.Y., N.Y. to Washington D.C., Seaboard RR. Washington D.C. to Southern Pinos, N.C.	18.35					
		Clark's Taxi, So. Pinos, N.C. to Pinchurst, N.C.	2.00		Meals: \$3.00			
						\$27.96	\$25.00	\$2.96

(Note: if you were given a ticket instead of a cash advance, include the value of the ticket in the "Advances" column.)

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Laundry Personal laundry will be picked up Sunday evening after supper. Sheets and towels will be collected and distributed on Thursdays. Address questions to Reed Landi.

Town Trip Don Mott is in charge of the handling of your I.O.U. accounts, which will be settled up each month when you receive your \$15.00 allowances. Ordinarily he will cover both floors in his town trip each day -- for those of you who have your order slips outside your doors by 9:00 a.m.

Night Duty Each night between 8 and 9 p.m. one attendant will remain in his room to take your orders for soft drinks, candy, etc. If you call during that hour, the operator will connect you with the attendant on duty.

Phones -- ordinarily should not be used during mealtime nor after 11:00 p.m. If your long-distance call is not sent collect, please be prepared to give an attendant an IOU for the cost as soon as the charge comes through.

Food Note Kindly dispose of your milk-bottle caps and napkins yourselves; do not leave them on the trays. Thank you.

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We expect Dr. Henry L. Taylor and Harold Guetzkow to arrive here September 20 to remain for two days interviewing applicants for the forthcoming experiment on thiamine requirements in man. This experiment, informally described by Don Martinson in a recent issue of the GRUNT, will begin on November 1st, although assignees may arrive as early as October 1st if they wish to take courses in the University of Minnesota. The experiment is to last for eight months, during which period I understand assignees will be expected not to take leaves or furloughs. Dr. Taylor writes me "I will come prepared to accept on the spot those men who appear to be desirable." Because I have to write to Philadelphia for the personnel forms of all applicants for this project for examination by those men while here, anyone interested in being interviewed by Guetzkow or Dr. Taylor MUST notify me by NOON TOMORROW, September 13th. Thus far, the following men have expressed such an interest: Butler, Ebeling, Ilinitch, Landis, Martinson, McBoe, Olmsted, Mott, Romine, Stangelund, Weaver, Brandenburg, M. Schroeder. Any corrections or additions? There are to be openings for 10 Guinea Figs. In addition the following full-time technical personnel will be needed: a biochemist, a bacteriologist, a psychologist, and a statistician. -oos

EBELING SAYS

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week at 1:30 o'clock I will present another play by Bernard Shaw, "Arms and the Man", a comedy in which war appears ridiculous and ideals become fictitious. The scene is a household in Bulgaria in the year 1885. There is a hero, a heroine, a mama, a papa and a professional soldier who prefers chocolate creams to bullets. Phone room 320 for reservations right away please.

FOR CONFERENCES Those close to the activities of the Fellowship of Reconciliation will be interested to learn of the dates of FOR General Conferences this fall. Eastern Conference: New York City September 22-24. Midwestern: September 29-October 1, Chicago. Southern: October 6-8, Nashville, Tennessee. Rocky Mountain: October 6-8, Denver. Pacific Northwest: October 13-15, Seattle. Northern California: October 20-22, San Francisco. Pacific Southwest: October 27-29, Los Angeles. For further details, call me. -oos

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Some of you have asked about this project. The short answer is that prospects are not hopeful. Bill Hammond of BSC writes (6 ix 44) that "...certain complications...may end in the cancellation of the project...." and further that men in camps other than Brethren camps nearest Chicago "will be considered only if an insufficient interest is found in those camps."

PRISON VISITOR

I have on hand the itinerary of James P. Mullin, secretary of the AFSC Prison Service Committee, for the months of September, October, and November, during which time he is to visit COs in Federal Prisons west of Chicago. He will be glad to carry personal greetings to any particular inmate you may wish. For the details of where to write him &c, see: -oos

RETURN TRIP
REROUTING

Those of you who can assure me that you are willing to accept a transfer back to your camp of origin, and that such transfer is acceptable to the camp and agency involved, may be permitted, after consultation with me, to get a rerouting of your return ticket. Otherwise, you should realize that your return tickets are the property of the Commission to be used as the exigencies of your transfer may require, only by our specific permission. -oos

Zaldundo Project of the Brumbaugh Reconstruction Unit
Luquillo, Puerto Rico, March 26, 1944

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A new dress for the Newsletter — To be strictly accurate, the above title should read "Zaldundo Newsletter #1, New Series." Two "Puerto Rico Supplements" of INFORMATION, and a page of "Puerto Rico Baedeker" in the same publication have already appeared. However, since INFORMATION must cover a multitude of projects, and Puerto Rico material can appear there only infrequently, the Newsletter is now on its own. Still duplicated and distributed by the Philadelphia Office of the American Friends Service Committee (for which many thanks!), it will appear monthly in its new form, limited to two pages because of scarcity of paper and mimeographing help.

Reintroducing ourselves — The CPS group with headquarters at Zaldundo consists of the following: Dr. Asa W. Potts, Robert Bogue, Iven Chatham, Everett Crouch, Evan Davis, Ted Haines, Joffre Prescod, "Tex" Sanders, and Roy Schaal. Dr. Potts arrived on Christmas Day to take over direction of the Unit; his coming also meant that at last we had a doctor to head up the community medical program. On February 1st, Bob Bogue began his work on "Special Detail" in San Juan in cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service, and on March 1st Lucile Bogue accepted a position as orthopedic nurse at the Convalescent Home for Crippled Children at Guaynabo, a position for which she is eminently fitted.

In the day's work — Much as we'd like to mention details, only the highlights of medical, recreational, educational, and child care work — our major fields of activity since the beginning of the year — can be sketched.

Dr. Potts is now holding regular clinics at the Rural Dispensaries at Zaldundo and at Mata de Platanos, about six miles away. During the latter part of February, the room in the rear of the Zaldundo dispensary was partitioned off by Roy Schaal, with amateur assistance from Jof, Ted and the doctor, and one of the resulting three rooms was equipped as a laboratory. By the first of March, supplies had been acquired or manufactured, and soon thereafter lab examinations were under way. The Fejardo District Hospital, badly hit by wartime lack of personnel, is anxious to secure the services of Dr. Potts and Jof for at least one day a week; some such arrangement may prove feasible.

Under Tex Sanders' supervision, the recreation building is open every day, with facilities for damas (Puerto Rican checkers), pingpong, shuffleboard, box hekey, and other games. A field for baseball has been loaned by PRRA, and much of the work of putting it in playable condition has been done by the boys of the nearby Second Unit School (grades 4 through 9); lights have recently been installed so that the outdoor concrete volleyball court can be used at night; and a horseshoe court is being built. Considerable athletic equipment has been supplied by the Puerto Rican Commission of Recreation and Sports. Tex has given talks on home recreation to the fifth and sixth grade children of the School, and weekly programs during lunch hour are held on the school grounds.

A boy scout troop has been organized; it is hoped it may continue to function despite handicaps of time and distance between homes and recreation center. The library has received a donation of 48 books from the Institute of Puerto Rican Literature; ninety more are on semi-permanent loan from the Carnegie Library of Puerto Rico; while several gifts of books, magazines, scrapbooks and scrapbook materials, and Christmas cards (eagerly sought after by the children) have come from interested friends in the States. (Books in simple English, Christmas cards, and magazines of the picture variety suitable for children would help very much to round out our embryo library — Advt.) Classes in typing are taught by Tex; Evan Davis manages to find time from his duties as dietitian to teach two English

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LUCUILLO, PUERTO RICO, APRIL 26, 1944

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ESTACIONES DE LECHE.—Last month's Newsletter told of the construction of a building to house the activities of the child feeding program at Casa Blanca, a couple of miles north of Zaldondo. The work was completed early in April, but the "grand opening," scheduled for April 1st, had to be delayed until the 18th because food furnished by the Child Feeding Program did not arrive until that date. Since then, 129 children have been registered, and on weekdays an average of over a hundred come in between school sessions for the supplementary feeding which is so much needed by Puerto Rican children. The milk station at Zaldondo is also going strong; on school days it's not at all unusual for every child registered to come in for his hot meal consisting of some combination of milk, eggs, cornmeal and canned meat. Ike Chatham has done a notable job in working out the many details involved in planning, equipping and supervising the operation of these stations, which are cooperative undertakings of the Unit, the Child Feeding Program headed by Mrs. Tugwell, and the Zaldondo and Casa Blanca communities.

FAJARDO HOSPITAL.—An arrangement has been worked out with Fajardo District Hospital whereby Dr. Potts and Jof Prescod spend Thursdays there, Dr. Potts working in the Outpatient Department, and Jof lending a hand in the laboratory.

TEX SANDERS WRITES OF "HIS DAY" AT THE RECREATION CENTER: "It's nine o'clock. The boys have just finished helping to close the windows of El Centro Comunal and have gone out into the starlit night. Now, if you have time, I'll be glad to tell you what happened today.

"On the way to breakfast, shortly before 6:30 this morning, I unlocked the doors. When I returned at eight o'clock, Belén, the janitor, was sweeping. Some children, after eating at the Milk Station, were playing, and a number of boys were waiting to borrow softball equipment to use during free periods in the school day; at lunchtime and after school, there are sometimes four games going at one time. After I had met their insistent demands, I turned to the only slightly more restrained children who had books to return to the library. Half of our 150 books are now in circulation on two-week loans, a record which impressed the Carnegie librarian in San Juan so much that he is loaning us sixty more.

"During the morning, school and non-school children played in the sala (main recreation room) — sometimes active games with a volleyball, and sometimes quieter dames (Spanish checkers), dominoes, Korean yoot, beanbags, and the like. After forty-five minutes out for lunch, I returned to the Center, later visiting the school to round up overdue books and consult with the principal about the half-hour lunchtime program of songs and games I have at the school every Wednesday. During the afternoon and evening, eight students came to practice an hour each on the type-writer. Several boys borrowed the key to the showerhouse. Three or four small groups of children stopped to ask to see the dance of the bean-stuffed marionette, Pepe Habichuela Soya (Joe Soy Bean), accompanied by his own "propaganda" song about how Pepe likes soy beans for health and happiness; and two girls came by for instruction in making their own "Pepes." Others asked me to play "el violin," and usually I could get them to sing with me, occasionally even managing to put down in musical notation and words their own variants of Puerto Rican folksongs. During spare minutes I repaired a volleyball and a broken chair, and did a little planning for the monthly community-wide program scheduled for next Saturday. At five o'clock I left, returning at seven o'clock to join the dozen fellows in the sala for group games and singing. That lasted until nine o'clock, closing time for El Centro.

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ZALDUONDO PROJECT OF THE BRUMBAUGH RECONSTRUCTION UNIT
Luquillo, Puerto Rico, May 26, 1944

MAY 1944 — GENERAL VIEW— May brought no startling changes to Zaldouondo. However, the first two men chosen for the Unit at St. Croix stopped off here en route to the Virgin Islands. New construction is under way to make ready for Mrs. Potts and the three new men expected to join us soon. The clinic program continues to fill a need in the community, as does the recreation work. The milk stations at Zaldouondo and Casa Blanca were open all month, with attendance high. (Preliminary reports on "before-and-after" weights seem to show significant gains in children attending regularly.) Everett Crouch tells us that seeds (largely cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and soy beans) have been distributed to families of at least 63 resettlers, and in most cases help in actual planting has been given. Tex Sanders has worked out a series of effective posters on the ravages of hookworm, for use in the Sabana Second Unit School and in the clinics. Some of these items will be discussed more at length in paragraphs to follow.

NEW MEN AND NEW CONSTRUCTION— Another phase of the work of the Service Committee in the Caribbean got under way with the arrival on May 6th of Leonard Billing, and William Channel, the first two men assigned to the new St. Croix Sub-Unit of the Brumbaugh Reconstruction Unit. Len is to be house manager, and Bill in charge of community recreation for the project which will be located in Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. On the 7th, Rufus King brought the two new arrivals to Zaldouondo, where they spent the next two days. On the 10th they started their flight to St. Croix, along with Rufus, who there introduced them to officials and others with whom they'll be working. It is hoped that other men for this Unit will arrive soon.

We at Zaldouondo are awaiting choice of the three new men to be sent here, and the arrival of Mrs. Potts and Suzanne, expected early in June. In preparation for the enlarged group, the laundry building is being altered to provide space for canned food and vegetable storage, as well as bigger and better washes; and a small structure formerly used as a farm tool shed has been torn down to make way for additional shower and washroom facilities.

BEHIND THE LOGBOOK OF THE AMBULANCE— The entries in the mileage record book for the last three trips to Fajardo District Hospital read somewhat as follows:

5/15/44	Fajardo District Hospital	1 patient - broken arm	14 miles*
5/22/44	" "	1 patient - change leg cast	16 miles*
5/23/44	" "	1 patient - suspect sprue	18 miles*

*Mileage differences are due to varying distances between homes of patients and Hospital.

It might be of interest to look a bit behind the scenes at some of the human stories behind these three entries.

About 6:30 on the evening of the 15th, two women, one holding her right arm, knocked at the door of the Casita. Mrs. Acosta, the injured woman, explained she had fallen and hurt her arm; the other had come for company. Dr. Potts examined the arm and found it almost certainly broken. Since we have no X-ray, it seemed wise to take the patient to the Hospital for examination and setting. The ambulance was gotten out; Mrs. Acosta and her friend driven the seven miles to the District Hospital; the doctor and X-ray man located; the fracture reduced, and a cast applied. While Mrs. Acosta was being treated, her companion confided to the Unit driver that the story of a fall hadn't been strictly accurate—actually the arm had been broken by a blow from a stick wielded by Mr. Acosta—but since the couple have two children, with a third due in a few months, Mrs. Acosta didn't want to make trouble for her husband.

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ZALDUONDO PROJECT OF THE BRUMPAUGH RECONSTRUCTION UNIT
LUQUILLO, PUERTO RICO, JUNE 26, 1944

TWO WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE—Even if literally 'twere n't so, June 7th should have been marked in red on Doctor Potts' calendar, and the next Wednesday, the 14th, on Everett Crouch's! For on the 7th, Mrs. Potts and year-and-a-half-old Suzanne were scheduled to reach Puerto Rico, and the 14th was the day on which Everett was to say "I do" when asked the questions to which a more man attempts to stammer those two simple words. Before going any farther, it should be stated that both events went through almost on schedule—which for Puerto Rico is enough of a record for any month.

Of course the plane bringing Mrs. Potts and Suzanne was an hour or two late, but, escorted by Rufus King and the doctor (who somehow couldn't seem to wait the extra few hours necessary for them to complete their trip from San Juan to Zaldondo), they arrived in time for supper, just a little less than six months after the doctor had dropped in for his first meal—Christmas dinner! This time there was no Argeet-time turkey to greet the new arrivals, but it was a gala occasion, this addition of two members of the fair sex to our unit which had been keeping bachelors' hall since Lucile Bogue left us to take up her hospital duties late in February. Already they have made themselves a very real part of our little group—so much so that we wonder how we got along without them.

Most of us had to miss the second important social event—Everett's wedding—since it was held at Castaner, and that's too long a trip to make during the week without Selective Service beginning to wonder how we were able to shut up shop and all take furloughs. As a result, we had to depend on Ike Chatham, who acted as best man, to bring back a report of the doings—and he was so excited at his role (or something!) that about all he could say on his return was that Everett wore a light suit, blue or grey or brown perhaps; and that the bride was extremely attractive. Oh yes, and that the ceremony was in Spanish, for the bride, formerly Juanita Ruiz, is one of the most valued Puerto Rican trained nurses on the staff of the Castaner General Hospital, founded and operated by the Brethren Project at Castaner. Most of us had met Juanita there, and also when she visited us a couple of times on vacation; she's an excellent nurse and a fine person.

Everett and Juanita spent their honeymoon at the home of the bride's brother, who is pastor of All Saints' Church in Vieques, a small island about thirty miles off Fajardo. The bride and groom stopped in to see us on the 21st, and Everett returned to duty the next day. (Dare we whisper that he'd thought his furlough ended on the 21st—but wasn't at all displeased to discover, when he and Juanita saw us that day, that he had another day of "freedom" before him? Well, on a honeymoon anything is possible—even to almost gypping one's self out of a day's furlough.)

SCHOOL'S OUT—The end of May means the end of the school term in Puerto Rico, where, as we've mentioned before, education often isn't taken too seriously by children, parents or teachers. The completion of the school year has caused some changes at both milk stations and recreation hall. Attendance at the former has fallen off considerably; many of the children who come during the school year feel that they live too far away—sometimes as much as five miles—to come every morning even for the food which they so lack. Library circulation has also dropped off a bit, although not as much as night have been expected.

Even during the summer, however, the buildings of the Second Unit School are

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ZALDUONDO NEWSLETTER #5

Zalduondo Project of the Brumbaugh Reconstruction Unit
Luquillo, Puerto Rico, July 26, 1944



Arrivals: Since the last edition of the Newsletter, three new men have arrived in Puerto Rico to join our ranks. Unfortunately, introductions must be brief--but here are a few facts about each:

- A. Burlingame (Robin) Harvey Utility Worker
Born--Houston, Texas; age--32; educated--University of Pennsylvania; Academy of the Fine Arts; home--Philadelphia, Penna.; CPS Camp #52, Powellsville, Md.
Arrived in Puerto Rico July 8, 1944.
- Charles E. Moran, Jr. Recreation Leader for San Just
Born--Charlottesville, Virginia, 1913; B.S., M.A. University of Virginia; Public school teacher; book reviewer and extension specialist in recreation; boarding school principal and mission worker; CPS Camp #46, Big Flats, New York. Arrived in Puerto Rico July 18, 1944.
- O. Chris Ahrens Social Worker
Born--New York, N.Y., 1916; educated--New York University, Mechanical Engineering; has worked as engineer (design, estimating and installation of filtration systems) and draftsman; CPS Camp #12 (Cooperstown, N.Y.), #34 (Bowie, Md.) and #27F (Orlando, Florida) where he was Unit Director. Arrived in Puerto Rico July 25, 1944.

Report on the Medical Program: Our medical project at Zalduondo has centered about two Rural Dispensaries of the Insular Health Department which were located nearby, but which were practically unused because a doctor was not available. These dispensaries are established to provide care for ambulant patients, and emphasis is placed on special clinics for infants and pre-school children, venereal diseases, prenatal care, and treatment of parasitic and infectious diseases. Each clinic is staffed in theory by a full-time nurse, secretary and janitor; while Dr. Potts is on hand two days a week, and a dentist comes every other week for one day. A laboratory setup at the Zalduondo Dispensary under Jof Prescod has been invaluable in providing more rapid and thorough work than had previously been possible here.

Largely because of the fact that the Zalduondo Project is very close to one of the well-equipped modern 300-bed District Hospitals of Puerto Rico, we have not attempted to develop a hospital here. The Fajardo hospital has been visited once weekly to see patients taken there in our ambulance if seriously ill, as well as to make rounds on the medical wards, and at times help out in the out-patient clinic.

Although a large part of the doctor's time has of necessity been taken up by caring for assorted illnesses, aches, pains, cuts, infections, etc., in the clinic, and pneumonia, malaria and delivery cases in the homes, an attempt is made to stress work which will have some lasting or preventive value. Thus when a child is found to have hookworm infestation (which is nearly always the case), the value of latrines is mentioned, and Ivan Chatham's newly inaugurated privy reconditioning program is given a plug. When child malnutrition is obvious, the milk stations are explained; attendance in the infant milk stations has already more than doubled at both clinics. The need for green vegetables and the value of soy beans is described many times daily in poor Spanish, and Everett Crouch's seed dispensing and planting thereby encouraged.

Lack of space prevents descriptions of listening to a chest with two chickens fighting under the bed; of several patients nearly bleeding to death before arrival at the clinic because of tourniquets poorly applied to both the cut and the uncut extremities; of delivering women with six to eight children already in the single room of the house. Most of the work is tedious and routine--but it's work that badly needs doing.

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Luquillo, Puerto Rico, August 26, 1944

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New Jobs for Jof Presed and Chic Moran: - Since the July Newsletter, Jof Presed and Chic Moran have left Zalduondo to take up work elsewhere, though both are still members of the Brumbaugh Unit. On August 11th, Jof, our lab technician, reached St. Croix, where he will help out with the laboratory work of the two hospitals on that island. He will be able to make more use on St. Croix of his technical knowledge of bacteriology and laboratory techniques than was possible in our small lab connected with the Zalduondo Clinic, with its rather limited equipment and facilities. The addition of Jof increases the Friends' Virgin Island Unit to three men. All of us were mighty sorry to see him leave Puerto Rico, and wish him the best of success in the bigger job he has undertaken.

Only three days after Jof's arrival on St. Croix, Chic Moran moved from Zalduondo to San Just, where he will have charge of community recreational work. In anticipation of the arrival of a small Friends' Unit at San Just, a PRRA project about four miles from Rio Piedras and about 25 from Zalduondo, Mr. Andino had turned over to us, after rather extensive alterations, a building large enough to house a group of at least six men. Chic is the first to arrive; we're hoping that other men for San Just can come to Puerto Rico soon, in spite of difficulties of transfer from the States because several base camps there are undermanned. So far, much of Chic's work has of necessity consisted of making the building livable; and, with the help of Roy Schaal and others, fermenting out equipment and supplies. After a week of searching and following up want ads, a used electric refrigerator and an oil-burning kitchen stove were located; up to the present, the former has been of little use since various difficulties have slowed up the connection of wiring in the building to the outside electric lines. It is hoped that these will soon be overcome so that Chic may enjoy the benefits and comforts of electric light and refrigeration.

Privy Moving and Repair -- One Step in Battling Hookworm: - As has been mentioned in earlier newsletters, the high incidence of hookworm, along with malnutrition, is one of the greatest predisposing factors to more serious diseases in Puerto Rico. The amount of hookworm varies directly with the degree of soil pollution; and soil pollution comes from the use of unsanitary privies or -- as is so often the case in Puerto Rico -- none at all. The hookworm eggs pass in the feces of a diseased person, and infect the ground; they may be carried long distances by various animals. Given the proper conditions, the eggs hatch into tiny larvae; they then attach themselves to the feet of a barefooted person, bore through the skin, and, after passing through the blood, heart, lungs, and bronchial tubes, may are coughed into the throat and so get down to the small intestine, which is their choicest residence.

As may be seen from this very brief "life cycle" sketch (condensed in the main from an article in "Grestviews," published by G.P.S. Camp 27), there are two main methods by which hookworm may be prevented (and without which no program of cure can be really effective, due to the near-certainty of reinfection): first, the wearing of shoes, thus preventing the entrance of the worms; second, by using sanitary toilets and thereby stopping pollution of the ground. In many sections of Puerto Rico the first measure is nearly impossible of accomplishment; the majority of people in the country sections, where the ground infection is naturally at its worst, simply cannot afford shoes; besides, in the damper places, shoes wear out discouragingly fast because of the heavy rainfall and consequent deep mud. Accordingly, the problem resolves itself into an attempt to keep the ground from becoming more polluted so that, in time, the eggs and worms will die out.

In June, Ike Chatham began work along educational and practical lines in this direction. All PRRA houses in Zalduondo were originally equipped with sanitary

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Luquillo, Puerto Rico, September 26, 1944



September, 1944:- While the month has brought no startling new developments in Puerto Rico, work along various medical and public health lines has been progressing. We are still handicapped by lack of men in some fields — for instance, Tex could very well use an associate or assistant in his leadership of community recreation; and St. Just personnel is at present limited to "Chic" Moran. We're hoping these gaps may be closed up in the near future by transfers of new men from the States.

The privy-moving campaign, of which Ike Chatham and Chris Ahrens are the main-springs, has gone forward quite satisfactorily, with practically all toilets in certain sections of the project now in comparatively good condition. In Rio Chiquito, for instance, 70 privies were surveyed; of these 40 have been moved and the others pronounced o.k. except for carpentry reconditioning jobs. Other sections still need much concentrated educational work and actual physical labor. To take the place of wooden "risers" which, in many cases, have rotted out, making fly-proofing almost impossible without complete rebuilding or replacement with concrete, the Insular Health Department's privy factory at Ceiba very kindly turned over 75 risers to us during September. These are now being installed.

First "programa" at the Sabana CCC Camp:- One of the difficulties encountered in achieving effective community work in Zalduondo has been the out-of-the-way location of the community center buildings, which are all in one corner of the Project rather than near its hub. As a result, many of the people never get to the evening programs held at the community center. In an attempt to reach some of these — particularly the ones in the southern section — the last "programa" was held in the partially-open-air dining room of the abandoned CCC Camp about two miles from the community center. The date was September 9th, and despite the fact that warning of the possible approach of a small hurricane had been issued, about a hundred people attended, most of them newcomers to meetings sponsored by the Unit.

Major features of the evening included the showing of health movies on tuberculosis and hookworm; accordian solos by Chic Moran; a long and eloquent talk on the benefits of soy beans delivered by one of the Zalduondo settlers who has done much experimentation in their growing and preparation for the table; and a chalk talk explaining how both individuals and the community as a whole might take advantage of help offered by the Unit through its sanitation, seed distribution, and child care programs. This talk was delivered in Spanish by Ike Chatham, and illustrated on the blackboard by Chris Ahrens. One of the most encouraging features of the meeting was the great enthusiasm of Senor Victor Cancel, whose speech on soys had been prepared entirely by himself, and based on his own reading and his own experience. He and his father had also brought enough soy bean cheese of their own making to give a sample to each person present — a task which in itself meant the sacrifice of considerable time. We're hoping to find other settlers with similar enthusiasm in other lines covered by our work — sanitation, child care, nutrition — who are willing to pass on to their neighbors some of their knowledge and their zeal. For a neighbor's advocacy of the benefits of soys is worth a dozen endorsements by the "Americanos," whose diet seems very strange to most Puerto Ricans, who much prefer their traditional rice and beans.

To secure a larger audience for the hookworm and tuberculosis movies, they were also shown at the Second Unit School on September 11th. Both films and projector were lent by the Insular Health Department; as yet we have been unable to locate a projector for our own use, though we're still on the lookout for one.

Physical examinations and inoculations for school children:- With the opening of the schools, the medical program has expanded to take in the examination of school

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Luquillo, Puerto Rico, October 26, 1944

Fire: The Community Center Building, which served as the hub of the Unit's community recreation program as well as housing a nursery school for pre-school children, burned to the ground on the afternoon of Saturday, October 21st. The fire, starting in a closet just off the stage, spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save either the 130' x 20' CCC type frame building, or any of its contents.

Robin Harvey and Tex Sanders, who first discovered the flames shortly after three o'clock, gave the alarm; by the time they had secured buckets and other utensils to carry water, the smoke was so thick they couldn't enter the building, whose entire southern end was blazing. Already the recreation hall was doomed; the only thing possible was to concentrate on wetting down the nearest building -- a twin of the recreation hall which had been occupied by a rug-weaving cooperative but was no longer being used -- and clearing it of looms, bales of rags, and other equipment in case the fire leaped the twenty-five foot gap from the recreation hall in spite of the soaking down process. In these jobs Unit members received willing help from the crowd of resettlers attracted by the blaze.

For more than an hour the struggle for the rug-weaving building (which meant for the other Project buildings as well, since spread of the fire to the former might well have meant goodbye to most if not all of the rest) was nip and tuck. A garden hose attached to an outside faucet just outside the rug building, and a bucket brigade working inside the same building, were able to keep it intact despite the fact that at least half of the paint was burned off, leaving a plenty black, charred surface.

At about quarter of five, the fire department from Fajardo, about seven miles away, arrived and helped continue the "dousing" process; half an hour later a truck from the naval base at Roosevelt Roads, some distance beyond Fajardo, rolled in, and with its built-in water tank and its equipment for pumping water from the little fountain-fed pool on the plaza, was able to play a high pressure stream on the collapsed but still blazing ruins. By six-thirty all immediate danger to the other buildings was past, though watch was kept on the rug-weaving building to guard against possible contingencies.

After conference with Mr. Andino, the PRRA official in charge of our work, it has been decided to clear the rug-weaving building (a duplicate, as mentioned above, of the old Recreation Hall in size and general construction) of the equipment stored there, and remodel the interior to house the nursery school, recreation activities, and library. It is hoped that alterations can be begun soon so that none of the activities may be handicapped for too long a time. As much of the work as possible -- planning, building of partitions, installation of equipment, painting of interior and fire-singed exterior walls -- will be done by Unit members, under the over-all supervision of the PRRA.

All of the contents of the building were destroyed, including chairs, stools, game tables, and storage cabinets; game equipment; office furnishings, and typewriters used for practice by typing students; all the Unit's athletic equipment; and the entire library with the exception of books in circulation at the time. Tex's violin, personal typewriter, and books were also burned.

Until the new home for the recreation program is ready for occupancy, Tex will try to keep as many activities as possible going, using what facilities and equipment are available or can be secured quickly. Evening "programas" can be held at the old CCC camp; the outdoor basketball and volleyball court can be used; and some activities (in addition to those already carried on cooperatively) can perhaps be transferred to the school.

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Zalduondo Project of the Brumbaugh Reconstruction Unit
Luquillo, Puerto Rico, November 26, 1944

(Ed. Note: The publication of this newsletter was delayed during the holidays.)

Arrivals: We'd like to introduce briefly two new members of the Unit who arrived from the States on November 19th:

- W. Harold Robinson Office Manager
Born - Rochester, N.Y., 1915; studied accounting and business administration at Rochester Business Institute; cost accountant with Stromberg-Carlson; CPS Camps #10 (Royalston, Mass.); #46 (Big Flats, N.Y.); #94 (Trenton, N.D.).
- J. Brooks Stewart Artificial Limb Worker
Born - Clayton, Del., 1914; A.B. Antioch College, 1936; graduate work in zoology at University of Pennsylvania; has worked as control chemist, and as assistant to production manager of a medical book publishing house; CPS Camps #23 (Coshoc-ton, O.); #50 (Presbyterian Hospital, New York City); #100 (China Unit); #46 (Big Flats, N.Y.); #26 (Alexian Brothers Hospital, Chicago, Ill.).

Word has also been received that Oramel Greene, who is to work with Tex Sanders in Community Recreation at Zalduondo, is in Miami awaiting air passage to Puerto Rico.

Harold Robinson is to replace Ted Haines, who is transferring to Big Flats as soon as transportation to the States is available, probably early in December.

Brooks Stewart will be putting into service his experience in artificial limb making gained while training with the China Unit. His headquarters will be in the brace shop at the Hogar Insular de Ninos (Insular Home for Children) at Guaynabo. Brooks' arrival adds an important new field of service to the work of the Unit, for Puerto Rico abounds in maimed children and adults, with practically no facilities nor personnel for making or fitting the arms or legs which would help them lead more normal lives.

Progress Report from Saint Just: (In the following paragraphs Chic Moran tells a bit about Saint Just -- its location and people -- and the work which he has been doing there since his arrival in mid-August. As Moran points out, he's been the only member of the Saint Just Unit up to now, though transfers for two more men have finally been approved. To avoid possible confusion, it might be pointed out that Chic has used the word "project" to describe his work -- so that in this instance "project" does not mean the land owned by the PRRA nor the community itself, but is rather a substitute for the first personal pronoun.)

"Saint Just PRRA is a kind of hybrid. In fact, the PRRA intended to establish it as a sort of suburban, semi-agrarian resettlement community. The corners of three municipalities -- Carolina, Rio Piedras, and Trujillo Alto -- were selected, and roughly 425 acres of a run-down citrus fruit farm were purchased by the PRRA. The tract was divided into parcels of about one acre in size, and three classes of houses -- of zinc galvanized sheet iron, of hurricane-proof reinforced concrete, and of rammed earth -- with electricity, running water, and sanitary facilities, were made available to qualified resettlers. In every case the resettler entered into a contract which allowed his monthly rentals of \$3.00 or less to accumulate as credit toward eventual payment for the house and parcel of land.

"Because it is only four or five miles from Rio Piedras, a principal suburb of San Juan, Saint Just attracts a wider variety of resettlers than do the more strictly agrarian resettlement communities of Castanear, LePlata and Zalduondo. Here one finds a good proportion of true *libereros* or countrymen, mixed with a large number of artisan-mechanics and a handful of professional people, mostly teachers. As representative Puerto Ricans, these folk show the usual characteristics of kindness, good humor, and tolerance, and a certain imperturbability in the face of a mechanized, scheduled mode of living.

"Originally planned as a small-scale replica of the medical projects at Castanear, LePlata and Zalduondo, the AFSC Unit at Saint Just has now been whittled down to a point

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which has been so much discussed that I don't like to say anything more about it. I think, if for once we look at what that my correspondent calls "the intangibles of CPS that are often forgotten." Here are the humor and the impatience; the 'winter mood' and the high seriousness of CPS:

Two letters that arrived near together but from far distant points struck me with the recurrence of an identical phrase. One was from the West Coast; the other from an eastern camp. A man, experienced in social work, said of another younger man in camp, "He is growing and will grow." The other wrote:

"But there is growth--slow and painful. We think C.P.S. bad because the tangibles are sometimes glaringly stupid. Those things that are growing are often parts of us that had been thoroughly neglected. New ways are hard for old dogs, and unused muscles get sore easily. I hold no especial brief for C.P.S. The idea is good, but the circumstances seem wrong. But put 100 different fellows anywhere, let them live and work closely together, and there's education for you. The educational director is an unnecessary adornment. That's C.P.S. for me--a place with many genuine personalities. I believe in people. They teach us things--even if it's what not to do. For me it's a great experience. It's tangled up in well-laid plans, but I don't regret it at all. Sometimes I do regret the frantic efforts to make something out of it and to make something in the way of such abstractions as a character force, life-building, community of man, spirituality, etc. I do not understand these words. I only know I'm living with some pretty hard good guys. I'm thankful for their association. I treasure the new friends. I am stimulated, frustrated, grined at, admired, and defeated. I am growing. If I wanted more than this, would I not be asking too much? Isn't this plenty? The rest is up to me. And whether I achieve it or not cannot be measured, so why get so real and earnest about it?"

"For daily living, the problems of self mastery are mine. For basic varieties and spiritual life, the soul upon spiritual resources still in the process of being developed, is no greater now than it was in the life outside. It is just that they have now more clearly made their spiritual self-contrasted with the ideal, the soul of the universe. Spiritual processes continue now as before--only now more rapidly. Our life can be a catalyst to one's development. This waiting period need not be wasted, though it be painful. It can open life's experience."

"Around this general theme . . . I generally make a jumble of the future--my little garden, and my little tangle, my imperfect, no wife and seven screaming children. The roads shift from Laguna to Beverly, the beaches and the glades, the day were climate, the simple existence, and the perspective of the universe. I know it's a dream, and I'm pulled around around to know it's false, but I'm happy for three weeks. What else can you offer?"

"It that's how I perceive my reality. I don't build much with the life is real, life is earnest school. Once that fact comes home to you, it's well to stop thinking about it. My flirtations with metaphysics have been brief but unforgettable. Life can be real and earnest, but it's better when you just live it and stop calling it names."

"C.P.S., although not the easiest or happiest, is by far the greatest and most powerful experience of my life thus far. I am already learning the men here have varied and different beliefs about war and government. Our one common belief seems to be our objection to war. As I see it the great task for me in living with these men here in C.P.S., is to be tolerant of their beliefs and to keep my mind open to the reasoning and beliefs of all men throughout the world. Yet at the same time I must maintain my own beliefs and transform them into a pattern which I may follow in the years of my life to come."

And speaking of elections: All during registration week there was a sign outside Public School No. 70 on East Seventh-fifth Street reading, "Literacy Tests."

Problem in conscription: "Dear Mailman-- Attached is a check for \$5 for which will you kindly get a stamp to make our flivver a legal means of transportation for the purpose of going to the ration board for a permit to get gas to have our machine inspected so that we may visit the ration board to get authority to buy a new tire so that our car may be in suitable condition to go to pay our withholding tax?"

I have just come from two conferences on conscription: one called by Friends at Richmond, Indiana; the other under the joint sponsorship of a half dozen pacifist organizations at Washington. At Richmond, Friends Committee on National Legislation was again instructed to oppose peace-time conscription without provision for alternative service. In Washington, the weight of discussion was clearly in the same direction although voices--some of them from CPS--spoke for alternative service plans. However clear the issue may seem in the abstract, it is not an easy decision to make; there are a number of factors in the situation which may well and deeply trouble honest minds that see quite differently. We can hardly afford to be smug or censorious. I suspect that many, many parents will demand a third alternative for their seventeen-year-old sons; and I further suspect that the government will provide an alternative program whether we want it or not. We must do our best to think clearly and to act charitably and to follow faithfully the Light we have.

A Washington Staff was set up to pool our resources and coordinate our efforts. Interested CPS men may write to the NCPW office, 1013 Eighteenth St., N.W.

Last week I heard two stories:

One was about a minister (now a Major on the First Army Staff). His job is to handle refugees and displaced persons evicted from their abodes by the Allied advance. Already these number over 150,000 persons in the Belgian-German areas; eventually the number will run into many millions.

"We treat them as enemies," says the Reverend Major. "We are trying to teach these people the consequences of war." As far as possible food is taken from German supplies, not to draw on American resources and not to make Germans better off under American control than they would have been under their own administration. For example, the girl wife of a German soldier bore a child during the fighting at Aachen. She was separated from the baby. Requests that a search be made for the child have been denied. "She is the wife of a German soldier and her husband may be sitting there just back of Aachen firing on American soldiers. Why should we risk American soldiers' lives to send them up there to find that baby?"

The German reaction to the American's treatment is described as stolid resignation. They're a sullen lot of Huns," concludes the Major who boasts that he has never spoken to one of them except in line of duty.

Love your enemies.

If I can eat my dinner,.....

I can let you have not

The other is the story of a young man and a brigand. An ambulance of the FAU was stalled on the Burma Road. While waiting for repairs it was attacked by poverty stricken 'brigands' in search of loot. One young man was severely wounded in the shoulder by a cutlass. In the hospital, where it was feared he would lose his arm, he learned that the brigand had been captured and was about to be executed. He sent back an urgent appeal that the man be spared and released on parole. "If that man is killed," said the young c.o., "my life will be forever burdened with the responsibility for his death. That is not the way to deal with the problem. Killing the evil-doer will not remove the evil."

The authorities listened to the plea and released the brigand, subject to good behavior. For hundreds of miles the story travelled and no brigand band in that section would now think of molesting an FAU truck. They have the best insurance in the world, bought with the love that casts out fear.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR???

Well, it could be... The war could end, the Draft Act could be repealed, our brothers and cousins could come back from their far-flung battlefronts (those of them who are still alive and sane) and - with us - insist upon returning our government to its rightful status of servant rather than master of all citizens.

It could be... But if we are realistic and frank about it, we have to admit that it is extremely dubious. Right now, the United Nations "leaders" (the "Dictators" are on the Axis side) are planning "sacrifices" of at least two million more of "their" people in the complete subjugation of Europe. Those dopey foreigners in Europe, and some in Asia and elsewhere, are going to be given the "Four Freedoms" whether they like it or not, and even if it kills them.

We in CPS know what the "Four Freedoms" are. We have been enjoying them for some time now, all of them. That is, those of us at Kansas have all of them, though men in church camps do not share in our "Freedom from Want", which is secured to us through GI food, GI clothing, and GI shelter. Our "Freedom of Religion" is unquestioned, and our "Freedom of Speech" is guaranteed by the fact that there is no one around to pay any attention to anything we might say (unless we injudiciously make some remark in the presence of an Administration man, who might call in the FBI). As for Fear - stuck away here in one of the most inaccessible parts of the country, we can hardly have any Fear. No Japanese or German invasion could ever penetrate here. We don't even have to fear the "malfunctions of great wealth" that Roosevelt used to talk about. In our carefully planned (GI) society, no one has an income of over \$7.50 a month, and very few have that much.

Yes, it could be a Happy New Year - for the starving Bengalese, for the wretched Italians, for our friends and relatives now in the armed forces, for their grieving families back home, and even for us. With Peace and Liberty it could be... But will it?

THE NEUBRAND HABEAS CORPUS CASE

The writ action questioning the validity of the CPS set-up brought before Judge Symes in the Federal Court in Denver, Dec. 20th, was dismissed after a full day of "educational" presentation of the facts of the case by Carlo Whitehead, attorney for the petitioner. The A.C.L.U. has given the go-ahead signal on the appeal.

In rendering his opinion Judge Symes "shelved" the Constitution placing it in the souvenir class, to be taken out and looked at occasionally but not to be taken too seriously. He said there are no such things as constitutional rights, merely privileges which it has been "Congressional policy" to recognize. He added that "We must have a certain amount of totalitarianism to win a war!" He suggested

SICK OF WHAT?

The Squeeps had had more than a little to do over the size and treatment of the SQ list, culminating in the recent visit of Col. McLean and the report (not yet verified officially) that an Army doctor will soon be here to straighten things out. Similar situations have arisen in many if not all of the other camps, and there has always been a good deal of re-crimination against the SQs.

For our part, we don't believe we have any business to even question in our own minds whether or not a man is sincere in his claim that he is sick. The ramifications of any other position are too complicated and reach into untenable ground. They may or may not be sick. There are many kinds of sickness that are

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